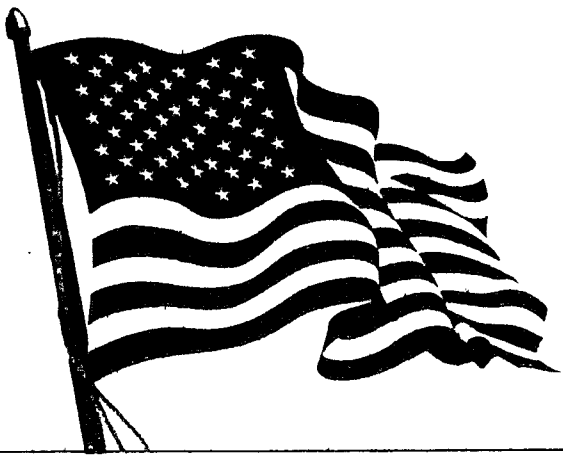


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St. Joseph's Altars planned in Bay, Wave

The 14th annual St. Joseph's Altar sponsored by Kay McCardle will be held on Tuesday, March 19, with an 11 a.m. blessing at 410 S. Central Avenue, Waveland.

Also on Tuesday at 11, there will be a St. Joseph's Altar at the home of Jeanne Garcia, at the corner of Hwy. 90 and McLaurin St. in Waveland, with offerings donated to charity. For information, call 467-8322.

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Koerner will also sponsor an altar at noon Tuesday at 10066 Paradise Lane in Bay St. Louis.

St. Stanislaus College final placement tests

On Tuesday, March 12, 2002 the final placement test for incoming 7th and 8th grade day students for the 2002 - 2003 school year at St. Stanislaus will be held. Please contact Mrs. Dolores Richmond at 467-9057 ext. 227 for more information.

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DEQ named in DuPont suit

BY BENNIE
SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality has been named as a co-defendant along with the E. I. DuPont DeNemours, Corp. and Dupont-DeLisle in a multi-billion dollar lawsuit being prepared by Gulfport attorney Kathleen Smiley and associates Michael Fenasci and John Romano.

The firm alleges that the MDEQ is guilty of failing to regulate, police, or govern DuPont's activities by condoning and/or ignoring the

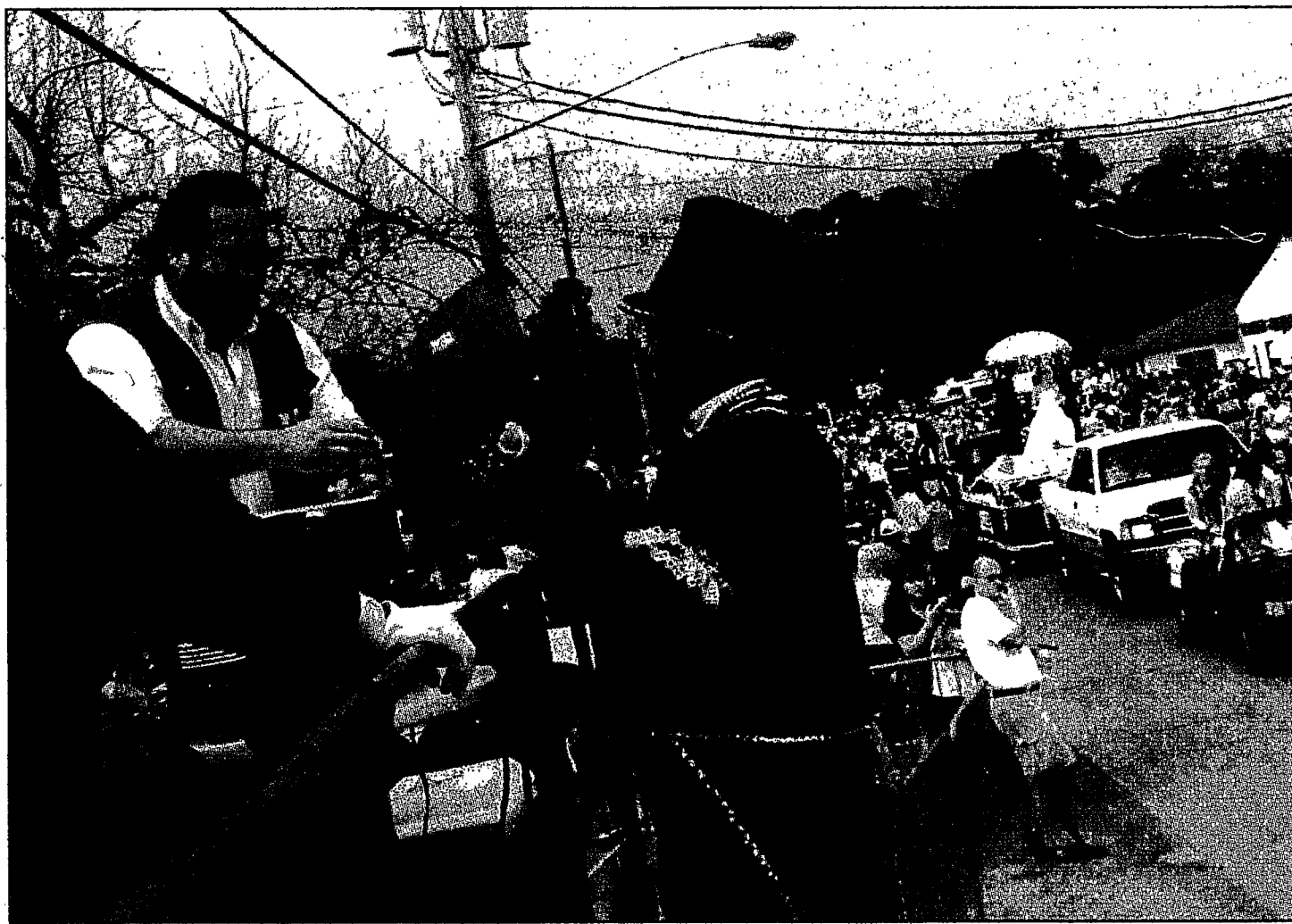
continuous toxic releases on a continuous basis from 1979 to the present. The firm alleges that this is an act of gross negligence on the part of the MDEQ.

The MDEQ was informed of the intentions to name them as co-defendants last Friday by way of a

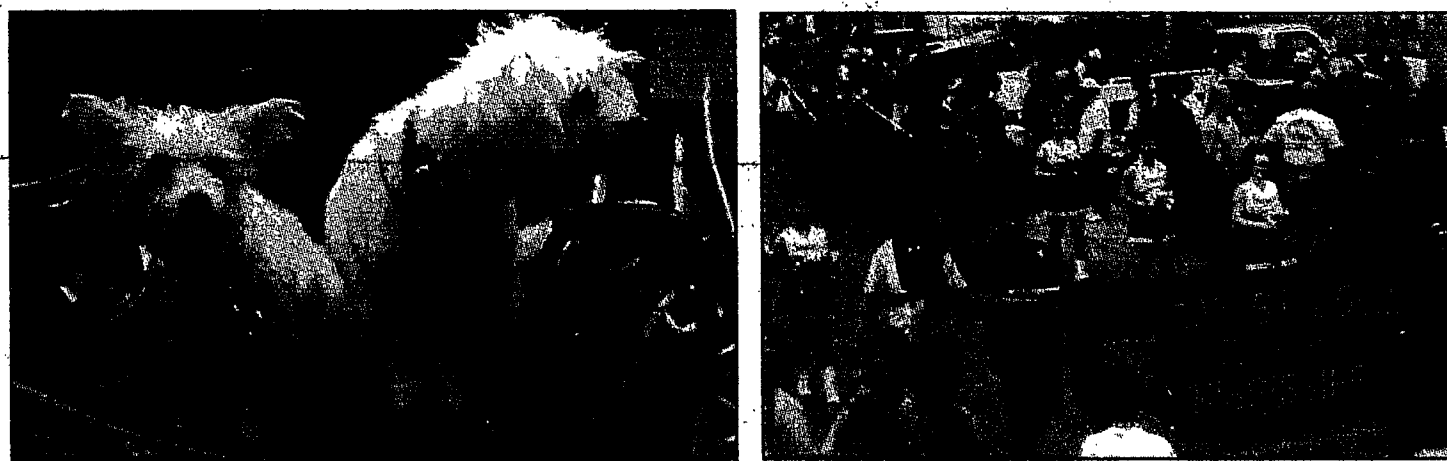
certified letter from Smiley's office, dated March 6, 2002, and addressed to Executive Director Charles Chisolm. The letter states a claim of \$3,000,000,000 (three billion dollars) for pain and suffering and

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Green Beer & Hams



Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo presents Parade Grand Marshal Gary Slaughter with the keys to the city Saturday during the Waveland Civic Association's annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Colleen was Meagan Thornton. The event was dedicated to the late John Mason, former mayor of Waveland. See more photos on page 1B of today's Echo.



Birthday bonfire burns 5 teens

One victim suffers third-degree injuries on face and arms

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS
Publisher Emeritus

A birthday party for a group of teen-aged boys in the Garden Isles Community turned into a tragedy Friday, according to Hancock County Sheriff's Investigator Kenny Hurt.

"An explosion sent one boy, who jumped into a canal to put out the flames on his body, to the burn center at the University of South Alabama. The flames and fuel just stuck to the victim's body," Hurt said.

"The group of seven boys aged 11 to 14 were at a birthday party. The father of the boy where the party was taking place had to go to the store and get some supplies for the group and told them he would build a fire for them when he returned," Hurt said.

"While the father was gone, the boys attempted to build a fire in a 30-gallon drum which had holes in the bottom. One youth, in trying to get the fire going, grabbed a can half-full of model air plane fuel and began to pour it on the fire.

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Bayside landowner arrested on alleged health violations

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

A Bayside Park property owner turned himself in Tuesday afternoon, then was released without posting a bond on charges he is in violation of Mississippi Health Department and Hancock County's Wastewater regulations.

The state health department last week filed four affidavits against Jack Welch, who has refused to hook up any of his properties up to the county's sewerage collection system.

Ron Cuevas, chief administrator to Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber, said Welch voluntarily came to the county jail Tuesday afternoon, and was booked on the four charges.

The offenses required posting of a \$500 bond, but Cuevas said Justice Court Judge Tommy Carver ruled Welch was "indigent," although records in the county's tax office show he owns at least 12 parcels of property. Welch was released without having to post a bond.

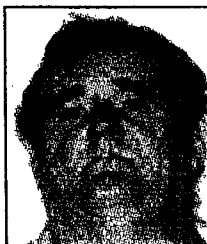
"He will still have to go to court on the charges," Cuevas said.

Pansy Maddox, supervising environmentalist for the health department in six counties, including Hancock, said the affidavits allege Welch is "creating a public health hazard and a public nuisance by failing to hook up to the sewerage collection system."

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Welch has said he is trying to comply with all statutes.

Bay Arts 2002



Bay Arts, a weekend of art classes and studio tours was sponsored by the City of Bay St. Louis, last weekend. Nine classes ranging from stone carving to water color drew prospective artists from across our area for the four day workshop. Anthony Henderson, left, conducts a class on Sunday at the Lumberyard.

Echo Staff Photo By Bennie Shallbetter

Clarifications

Former county attorney Gerald Gex said he has learned he cannot serve as a paid consultant to county officials.

The Board of Supervisors, at its meeting March 4, voted to hire Gex part-time to provide legal counsel to the Hancock County Tax Assessor's office and Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar. His consulting fee would have been limited

to \$200 a month.

Gex said he later learned from officials who run the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) that he cannot serve as a paid counselor to the county officials while he draws retirement.

Gex, who has spent 38 years with Hancock County, serving in various legal capacities, said he plans to remain available to county

officials at no charge for services.

Hancock County's consulting contract with the Gulf Regional Planning Commission is \$26,000 yearly, according to county Comptroller Patty Hammons. An incorrect figure of \$18,000 appeared in a story last Thursday.

Southern Regional eyes figures

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER
Staff Writer

Engineer Duke Levy announced that the new headworks was up and running at the Southern Regional Wastewater plant in Waveland. The headworks measures the amount of wastewater coming into the plant from the three entities. By the end of the month, Levy said figures should be available which will let operators know how much waste water comes from each entity.

Board members voted on a new auditor for the plant, at the request of plant director, Dr. Bill Glover, and passed a motion to hire local Gerald Rigby, to conduct an audit of the fiscal year encompassing October 1, 2000 through September 31, 2001.

Board members also voted to prepare an application for 2003 SRF funding for future projects. The next project is expected to be a transmission line from Southern Regional to connect Pearlington to the system, however there is some speculation that the plant may reach capacity when Pearlington is added to the system, making it necessary to immediately begin a project to expand plant capacity. Currently the plant is licensed to handle 4.9 million gallons per day.

Levy said that the plant will be just about at capacity after Pearlington is added, but could handle the addition.

There is also still a question of where a line of demarcation will be drawn to indicate where Southern

Regional's responsibility ends for the line and where Pearlington's responsibility begins.

As yet, none of the districts have responded to contracts sent out by the plant. Board Attorney Ronnie Artigues said that the contracts have been sent to the various districts several times and that he even hand delivered some because the districts kept saying they had never received them.

"I had to drive out to show one of the districts where the contract was in their own office," said

Artigues. "We need them to look over the contracts and say what they agree to and what they don't agree to."

Board members voted to pay consultant Gary Beard a final payment pending from a time period between contracts for the amount of \$5,775, or about \$500 less than Beard was asking. Artigues said he advised the board in executive session to make the payment to avoid possible litigation. The amount represents full and final payment to Beard, who Artigues said, left as the plant's employee on amicable terms.

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Senior Arts Show



The Hancock County Senior Center is holding an arts and crafts show daily from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. through Saturday. Many paintings and crafts will be on display as well as for sale. The center is located at 601 Booker Street in Bay St. Louis, 467-9292.

Bay High ROTC sponsors blood drive

The ROTC Drill Team from Bay High School will sponsor a Red Cross blood drive Monday, March 25, noon to 5 p.m. in the Bay High auditorium on Blue Meadow Road in Bay St. Louis.

The blood drive is also open to community donors as well as students 17 years or older. Donors will receive a T-shirt and an Easter Holiday Hero pin.

There will also be a blood drive by Humana Military Healthcare-TRICARE on Monday, March 25, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 2130 Pass Road in Biloxi next to the post office.

To give blood an individual must be 17 years old or older, weigh at least 110 pounds, have not donated blood in the past 56 days and be in good health.

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Nursery area gains 'room to grow' with rezoning

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Owners of a nursery and landscaping business on Longfellow Road and state Hwy. 603 have to decide if they can prosper and grow under a "Neighborhood Commercial" zoning classification.

Attorney Michael Haas Jr. appeared before the county's Planning and Zoning Commission last week in an attempt to straighten out a dual classification given the property at the busy intersection.

When the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance was adopted more than five years ago, a portion of the property fronting Hwy. 603 was zoned "C-2-Highway Commercial," but another portion to the north of the property was zoned "R-2-Residential." The lot contains three-plus acres, and the Four Seasons Nursery obtained approval to open its business on the property a year ago after the

Commission granted owners a "Special Exemption" zoning classification. The business is organized as the Bobinger Realty Group, LLC, and is owned by brothers Buddy and Dewey Bobinger.

On behalf of the owners, Haas asked the Commission to rezone the entire parcel C-2. The proposed change in zoning was advertised in the Echo's legal notices, but no one showed up at the March 7 public hearing to oppose the rezoning.

Willie Gavney, the city's chief building inspector and zoning enforcement officer, said he felt the dual zoning was an oversight when boundary lines were being drawn for the Comprehensive Zoning Ordinance, and the entire parcel should have been zoned C-2.

However, after debating among themselves, the four Commissioners present voted to zone the entire parcel "C-1, Neighborhood Commercial."

Haas said the owners of the property must decide if they can live with the new classification.

"There really is not a lot of difference between a C-1 and C-2 classification," said Haas. "There would be a difference in value if the owners decide to sell in the future," he added.

The Bobingers have until March 18 to request a public hearing before the Hancock County Board of Supervisors, appealing the decision.

After another public hearing, the Commission denied a request by Richard Kennedy for a "Special Exemption" to allow construction of a mini-storage warehouse on Volga Street off the Kiln-Waveland Cutoff Road.

Commissioners also gave preliminary approval for a 20 to 30-space RV Park at Bordages Marina, located on Central Avenue off Lakeshore Road.

Bordages must come back with plans for

drainage, roads, sewerage and water before he can obtain final site approval.

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TESI pleads for rate hikes

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

The Mississippi Public Service Commission has under advisement water and sewer rate increases requested by a utility company serving parts of Hancock and Harrison Counties.

Officials of Total Environmental Solutions, Inc., appeared before the PSC last week to state their case on why the increases are necessary. TESI's CEO, Paul Maeder, proposed a flat rate for all of its unmetered customers or individual rates for each of the systems TESI operates.

In Hancock County, TESI serves Oak Harbor subdivision near Pearlinton, the White Cypress Community, Clermont Harbor and Jourdan River shores. In Harrison, TESI serves Pass Christian Isles, Henderson Point and the Discover Bay subdivision north of Pass Christian. TESI bought the assets of the Mississippi plants and others plants in five states about a year ago after Johnson Utilities went bankrupt. The firm is under a mandate from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality to repair deficiencies found in operations of the Mississippi plants.

Maeder admitted before

the PSC TESI had only completed about a quarter of the upgrades required at its Mississippi plants, but needs increased revenue now to continue improvements. Commissioner Mike Callahan, representing the PSC's southern district, suggested TESI complete all \$1.9 million in improvements to systems in Mississippi before asking for a rate hike.

"We've tried to show you we're not Johnson Utilities," Maeder said. He said improvements are on going and loans have been secured to make the repairs, but TESI needs more revenue to begin paying back the loans. Steve Jones, who manages TESI's operations in Jackson, Harrison and Hancock County, said the company has already corrected several deficiencies in Hancock County.

Jones said a new sewerage treatment plant has been installed at Oak Harbor, along with new lift stations and electrical upgrades. A chlorination system has been installed in the Clermont Harbor water system, he said, and several improvements have been made at the Jourdan River treatment plant.

Jones said he was hopeful the PSC would approve the flat rate proposed for all

unmetered customers.

Under that plan, minimum water rates would rise from \$16 to \$18.59 a month and sewer rates from a minimum of \$15 a month to \$22.50 a month. The total monthly charge for minimum usage would be \$41.09.

The PSC also wants TESI to put its 1,200 customers on meter by the end of the year, but TESI said the DEQ order gives the firm up to five years to complete that task.

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Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas
Publisher Emeritus

It is always good to get away for a few days, and Jane and I did just that for a week.

We were on a Hancock Bank Classic Club cruise on the Rhapsody of the Seas out of New Orleans and visited Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico, and Georgetown, Grand Cayman.

There were about 60 of us, 40 from the Coast and 20 from Louisiana in the Classic Club group led by Peggy Newman and Sue Moak of the bank and Sharon Wilson of Travel Affiliates.

It was also surprising to see four other couples from Hancock County in addition to the 18 in our group.

On Tuesday I was walking through the ship and heard someone call my name. It was Charles Staehle and his wife Vicki of Bay St. Louis.

Entertainment was great on the Rhapsody, and Vicki was the highlight on stage Tuesday night during The Magic & Grand Illusions of LaRaf.

Vicki was selected from the audience of about 1200 and was rather reluctant to go on stage, because she recently had a knee replacement, but finally did.

LaRaf is a team of two illusionists who had the audience on edge the entire evening.

One of the team members had his arms tied behind his back with two substantial ropes, and he and Vicki were placed behind a curtain. In a few seconds the curtain was dropped, and he had Vicki's jacket on under his coat. And yes, the two ropes still had his arms tied.

Old Charles, and I guess I can call him old, because he is the only person I am aware of knowing, who was born before me in the Old Kings Daughter's Hospital in Bay St. Louis, really got his kicks out of the show.

You are a good sport, Vicki.

Another highlight of the

cruise was Thursday night's show starring Gary Puckett, formerly of Union Gap, who has sold millions of his records of Women, Over You and Young Girl.

The only problem we had on the cruise was the weather. When we arrived at Cozumel the wind was about 60 mph. The vast majority of the tours were canceled because of rain and wind. Jane and I did not plan on any tours as we had visited there several times before.

This was our first trip to Costa Maya, which opened a large facility in a community of only 500 persons last year.

The Mexico state has built a very fine pier for the large cruise ships in addition to many very nice shops for the natives to sell their wares. Even still a bit windy, it was a very nice day to go ashore.

There is a very large swimming pool for visitors and also a amphitheater, and we were treated by several dancing groups to free entertainment.

At Grand Caymen it was really crowded, because there were four large cruise ships visiting. I think several had changed designations because of the bad weather at Cozumel.

As always, my waistline increased a bit because of the good food available 24 hours a day, and yes, I loved the deserts, too.

Now I have to lose those extra pounds in preparation for our next venture coming soon, we hope.

Congratulations are in order for the Bay High Lady Tigers who finished as the runners-up in the Class 4A Girls Basketball Championship last Saturday.

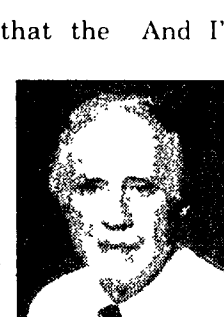
The Lady Tigers made a gallant run in the fourth quarter wiping out a 16-point deficit, before losing

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'Maverick Among the Magnolias ... The Hazel Brannon Smith Story'

I always said that the fascinating life and career of the feisty, embattled editor, Hazel Brannon Smith of the weekly Lexington Advertiser, deserved a full-scale biography, something far more substantial than the syrupy 1994 made-for-TV movie on ABC.

Well, an excellent Hazel Brannon Smith biography has been done.



Eyes on Mississippi

By Bill Minor

And I'm ashamed that as her oldest journalistic friend, I didn't do it myself. I'm more embarrassed that it was a 91-year-old ex-newspaper guy from Wisconsin who did it.

John A. Whalen, who over his astoundingly long career edited weekly newspapers around Iowa and Minnesota and now lives in Stevens Point, WI, has pro-

duced "Maverick Among the Magnolias ... The Hazel Brannon Smith Story." It's available through Xlibris.com or by calling 1-888-7-XLIBRIS.

He self-published it after six years of work, piecing together amazingly scant personal and family papers left behind by the once flamboyant newswoman.

I say Whalen is a 91-year-old. Actually, he won't be 91 until April 6. He never met Hazel personally, but developed virtually a vicarious love affair with Hazel's life story when he learned

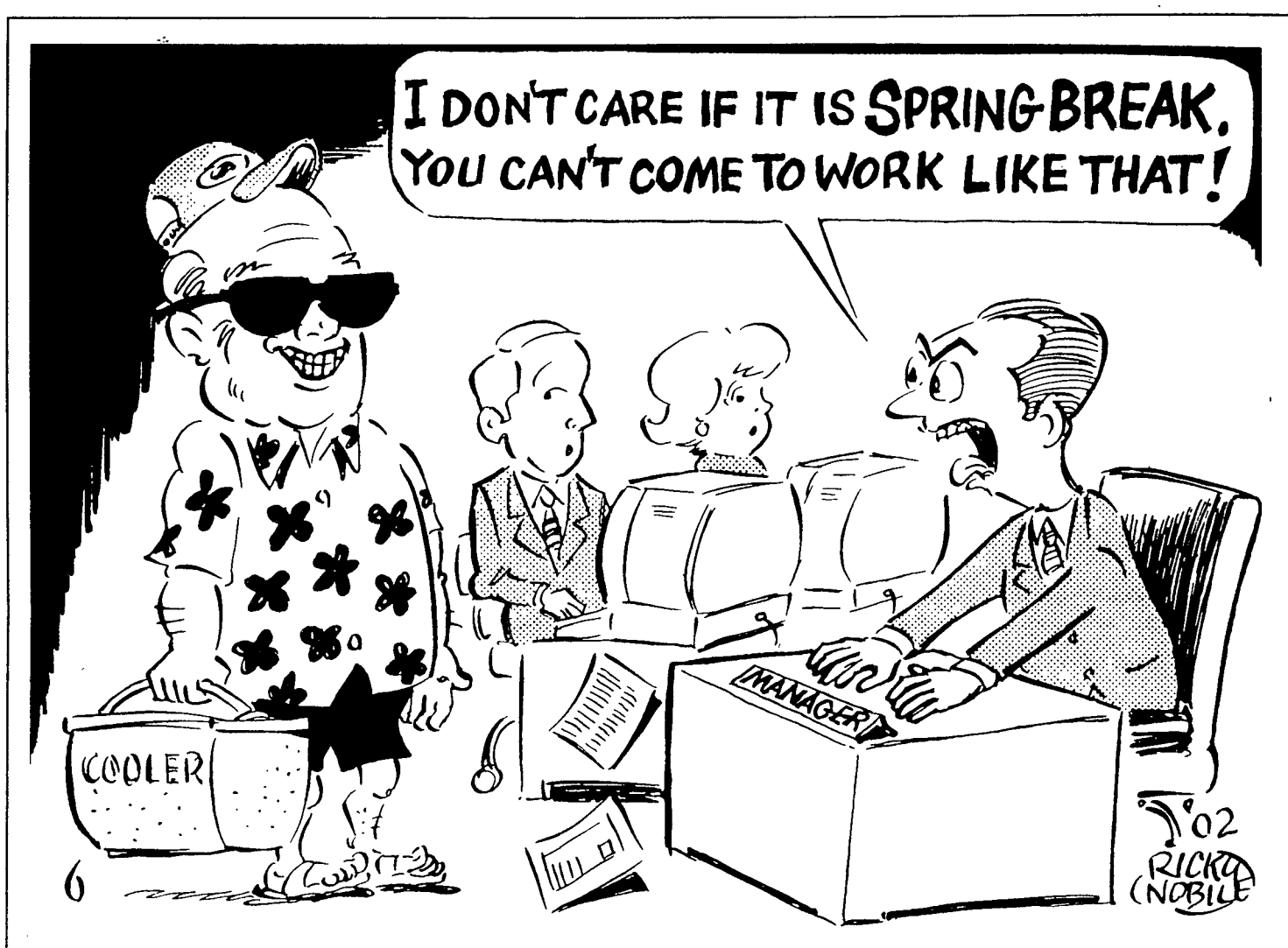
after her death in 1994 that no Hazel Brannon Smith autobiography or biography existed.

"Maverick Among the Magnolias" is a quite suitable title for a biography about a woman who right-

fully could be called, "The First Lady of Mississippi Journalism."

Certainly no woman editor in the annals of Mississippi journalism—the past 55 years to my certain knowledge—has distinguished herself for journal-

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Senate came to an agreement resolving deficit in Medicaid

After weeks of hard work, painful debate and study, the Mississippi Senate this week finally came to an agreement on resolving the deficit in the Medicaid budget you've probably heard so much about lately.

As you know, the Governor's Division of Medicaid this year recorded a record budget deficit of \$1.58 million. This was a hard blow to the budgeting process, not only for this year but for several years into the future.

The Senate looked at several plans on how to resolve the crisis in the face of another tough economic year.

It was not easy. In fact, many senators feel, this is one of the hardest votes they've ever had to make. But it was something that had to be done. We finally arrived at a bill that doesn't please everyone, but gets us past this crisis.

What we approved this week was a bill that takes \$108 million from the Tobacco Trust Fund - \$87 million from the trust and an additional \$21 million in "lead dog" money we get from the tobacco companies for being the first to file suit against them, for a total of

\$108 million for this year and \$144 million for next year.

The bill mandates that in any year in which economic growth is over 5 percent, one-third of that excess will go to the Tobacco Trust Fund to repay that money.

The bill also reduced reimbursement rates paid to providers by 5 percent, reduced the number of prescriptions per recipient from 10 to five, with any more needing prior approval, reduced fees to pharmacists by one dollar and reduced the estimated acquisition cost that pharmacists are reimbursed by. The bill also raises recipients co-pay on prescriptions from \$1 to \$3.

There are other, smaller facets of the bill, but those are the main ones. But let me touch on another part of this crisis. For weeks now the Legislature, especially the Senate, has been ridiculed and criticized in the media over our seeming inability to resolve this crisis.

Let me stress that we did not create this crisis, and had existing law been followed, would not have been in this crisis in the first place. This was a difficult, difficult situation to work ourselves out of. Several years ago, when



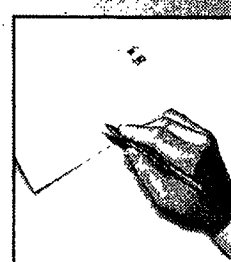
From the Senate

By State Sen. Scottie Cuevas

Letters to the Editor

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the economy was booming we expanded the ability of poor people to be-enrolled in Medicaid.

We didn't do this to hurt the state, to spend money recklessly or irresponsibly. We did it to enhance the quality of life of the elderly, poor and disabled.

We did it to make it easier for the poor and disabled to buy their medicine and get the quantity and quality of health care every Mississippian deserves.

As a result, about 80,000 Mississippians, most of them children, were added to the roles. But we also appropriated more money to cover these expansions.

Unfortunately, we did not get reliable information ahead of time on how many people would be added and did not appropriate enough.

However, existing law says the director of Medicaid shall inform the governor when a deficit is looming and the governor shall make cuts to prevent

the agency from running a deficit. This was not done and the result is the huge deficit we're facing today.

So, as a result we had to make some painful decisions and those decisions are reflected in the bill the Senate approved this week. Not everyone is happy with the bill. It was, after all, our fourth attempt to reach a consensus.

In fact, there is probably not a single senator who is completely happy with what we approved. Some senators wanted the providers to pay more, with no cuts to recipients.

Some wanted recipients to pay more or get less services. Some wanted more emphasis placed on eliminating fraud.

These are all measures we will be looking at again in the very near future. For now, in this crisis, this is simply the best we could do.

We hope now to lay that

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istic courage and bravery in standing up for righteousness as did Hazel.

Let alone that she won a Pulitzer Prize for her racial stance in 1964, what makes Hazel's story - her career - even more fascinating is that she was a strikingly attractive Southern Belle, with a strong dose of "Gone With the Wind" and Scarlett O'Hara in her persona. Literally, she leaped from Southern lady in crinoline and lace to one of the South's most courageous civil rights voices.

Her lifetime dream was to build her own white-columned version of Tara atop an oak-studded hill on her farm at the western edge of Lexington, looking out over the flat Delta land below.

Back in the late 1950s, Hazel and her husband, Smitty, (Walter Dyer Smith) had built and moved into a four-room wing of the hoped-for mansion but that's as far as they got. It would be 30 years later, after fighting economic strangulation by the white Citizens Council, and the threat of the Ku Klux Klan burning crosses, before her dream house could be completed.

By then her newspapers were but a hollow reminder of better days and Hazel would have little time left before falling prey to deadening Alzheimer's Disease and seeing Smitty, the love of her life and the steady pillar she desperately needed throughout her tribula-

tions, die suddenly.

Thus, as John Whalen accurately concludes, Hazel's life, "was, ultimately, a tragic story." Though a profile in courage, her story shows also a fascinating, heroic metamorphosis from Deep South conservatism (back in 1948 she supported the Dixiecrat bolt from the National Democratic Party and editorially opposed early civil rights bills) to later outspoken advocacy of civil rights.

The child of a well-to-do Gadsden, Alabama couple, Hazel had come straight out of the University of Alabama in 1936 and with a borrowed \$3,000 down payment, bought the Durant (Mississippi) News, becoming overnight the paper's editor and publisher.

Three years later, she bought Holmes County's more prosperous weekly, the Lexington Advertiser, and moved there to better stay on top of what was happening in the county courthouse.

Meantime, she began her front-page column, "Through Hazel Eyes," which would serve as her signature opinion piece for her sometimes explosive 50-year career, fighting in behalf of press freedom in Mississippi.

Hazel was best known for her 1955 libel suit by the Holmes County sheriff when she challenged in print the brutal shooting of a black man by a sheriff's deputy.

Eventually she won the

libel suit in the state Supreme Court, but the case touched off her decade-long struggle against the segregationist Citizens' Councils.

She was so financially wounded by an advertising boycott imposed by the Councils (and an opposition paper they launched) that she would never get out of heavy debt.

Still she fought to keep her paper alive, becoming more radicalized in behalf of racial justice as Mississippi in the 1960s became a prime target of the civil rights movement.

Whalen recalls an earlier confrontation between Hazel and the constituted authority of Holmes County in defense of press freedom, back in 1945, when a judge found her in contempt and threatened to jail her because, against his orders, Hazel spoke to the wife of a murdered black woman in the hallway of the courthouse.

When the state Supreme Court ruled in favor of Hazel in the contempt case, even crusty old Jackson Daily News editor Fred Sullens hailed her as "clever, captivating and courageous."

For years as a dazzling brunette bachelor lady with a taste for Cadillac convertibles, flowing gowns and flowered hats, Hazel floated through the lobby of Biloxi's old Hotel Buena Vista at

Mississippi Press Association annual meetings as country editors ogled her every move.

In those days, she enjoyed the affluence her two newspapers provided her, traveling abroad or to New York, or other spots which most of her readers had only heard about, but never visited. It was on a round-the-world cruise in 1950 that she met and fell in love with Smitty, then the

ship's bursar. Later that year they were married.

Even the likeable Smitty later felt the wrath of Hazel's antagonists, losing his job as Holmes County Community Hospital's administrator.

Doctors decried his firing "for political reasons" would damage the services the institution rendered to the area.

When she died in a Cleveland, Tennessee nursing home in May, 1994 after

being cared for by a niece, Hazel was penniless. As Whalen notes, in the eulogy I delivered at her funeral, I praised her as a "martyr to a free press" who we remembered from happier days as "a flamboyant country editor, envied by all who knew her for her spunk, audacity and brains."

Hopefully Whalen's biography of Hazel will cause many more to remember her.



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by two points to Jackson Provine. Coach Debbie Triplett and the entire Lady Tiger squad I know are disappointed because they came up second, but on the other hand, Provine and the state knows the Lady Tigers from Bay St. Louis are for real. St. Stanislaus' young Rock-a-chaws need to be commended also for their

efforts this season in Class 4A Boys Basketball.

Coach Jay Ladner's Rocks, with no starter over six foot, were edged out by Picayune by two points in semifinals last Wednesday.

Both the Lady Tigers and Stanislaus Rock-a-chaws I am sure will be back next year in the hunt for a championship.

Cuevas

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huge burden aside for a while and get on with the business of the Legislature. We are at the time of the session when we consider bills the House has sent us, and also make headway into the all important appropriations process.

There are matters other than Medicaid that have to be tended to. We handled

over 150 House bills through the rest of the week and will continue to work on these and other matters until we adjourn in early April.

State Senator Scottie Cuevas may be reached in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

Ailing ex-POWs entitled to help from the govt.

Over the past 25 years, congressional legislation has identified more than 20 maladies caused by prisoner-of-war experiences in Japan, Germany and Korea.

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Only one-third of ex-POWs have responded to the Department of Veterans Affairs for their entitlements.

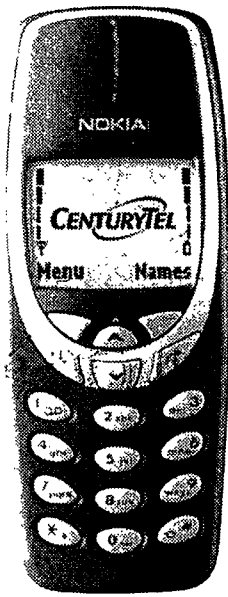
This means there are thousands of veterans in

their 70s and 80s who are not aware that this help is available to them.

Accredited American ex-POW service officers, stand ready to help them present their well-grounded claims to the Veterans Administration.

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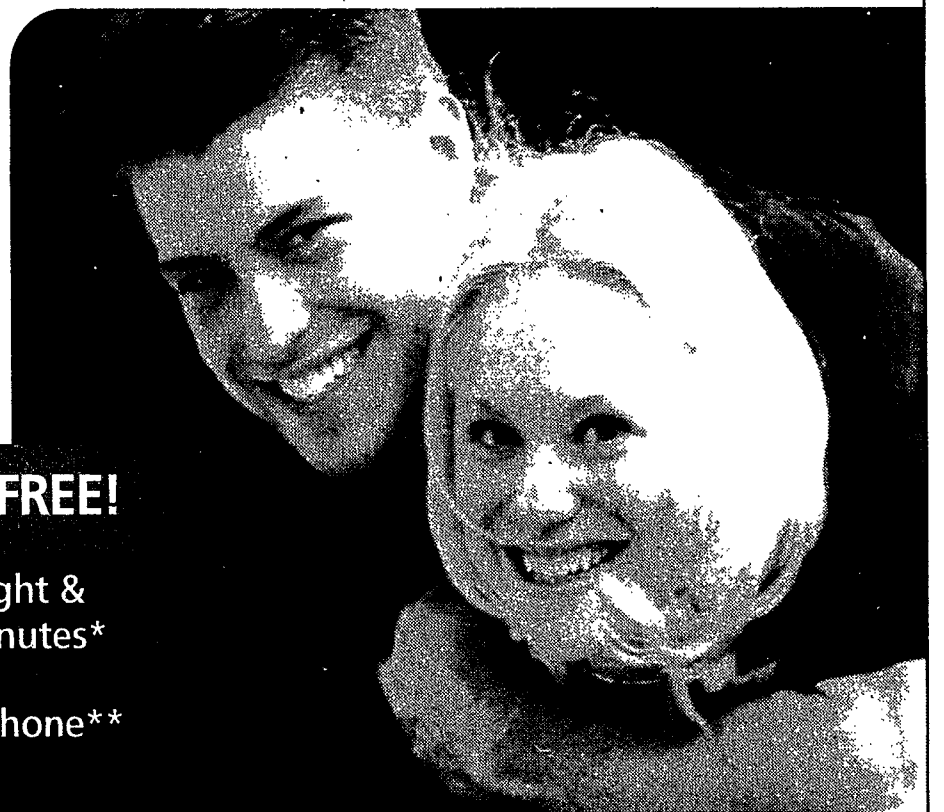
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A lot of heart



Students at Waveland Elementary recently learned about the health benefits of good nutrition, exercise, and not smoking from volunteers from the American Heart Association. Students also participated in a jump-for-heart-health to raise donations for the association.

Echo staff photo by Bennie Shallbetter

Fr. Benet conducts lecture series about St. Francis of Assisi at OLG

"Beyond the Birdbath - the Real St. Francis" lecture series by Fr. Benet Fonck, OFM will be at the Our Lady of the Gulf Community Center 228 S. Beach Boulevard, Bay St. Louis Thursday, April 11 and Friday April 12.

Tickets will be \$25 for and individual and \$35 for a couple.

Father Benet has degrees in philosophy, journalism, sacramentology, and liturgy. He has spent much of his ministry working with the laity to develop their specific spirituality and to empower them for evangelization.

He has been a Franciscan for 36 years and will celebrate his 30 year anniversary as a priest in June.

In addition, to being a captivating and delightful speaker and retreat facilitator for and laity, priests and religious he is an noted author, spiritual director, and team member of the Franciscan Pilgrimage Program to Rome and Assisi where St. Francis originated.

He is currently serving as the apolistic visitor for the "Brothers and Sisters of Charity" founded by musician "John Michael Talbot".

He has been editor of the Franciscan Herald and associate director of the Franciscan Herald Press. During the years 1980-1985 he was in Rome as the delegate of the Franciscan general minister (superior general) for all Secular Franciscans in the world under the care of the Friars Minor.

His office is know as "information central" for the SFO, and their spiritual assistants. (Previously known to many as the "Third Order of St. Francis.")

His assistance and care of the laity, as well as his books and teaching materials are too numerous to mention adequately in this brief introduction.

Ticket are available by mailing a check payable to Our Lady of the Pearl c/o Our Lady of the Gulf, 228 S. Beach Boulevard Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

Registration and check-in will begin at 8:30 each day. The daily schedule is:

Eucharist: 9 a.m.
First Talk: 10:15 a.m.
Second Talk: 11:15 a.m.
Lunch: Noon
Available for purchase at the community center
Third Talk: 1 p.m.
Fourth Talk: 2 p.m.
Fifth Talk: 7 p.m.

"Please join us for a rich and joyful treat as you have the opportunity to get to know him for yourself, and the "poor little man" behind the birdbath, St. Francis of Assisi," a spokesperson said.

County pitches for federal funds

BY ED LEPOMA
Staff Writer

Hancock County officials are hopeful a recent visit to Washington, D.C. will steer more federal money this way.

A delegation led by Board of Supervisors President Rocky Pullman visited the nation's capital March 3-6, to attend the annual meeting of the National Association of Counties. They also paid official visits to the state's two powerful senators and to U.S. Rep. Gene Taylor of Bay St. Louis.

The party consisted of District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour, Chancery Court Clerk Tim Kellar, consultant Bill Johnson with Compton Engineering and Coastal Impact coordinator Jenell Tompkins.

Kellar said the delegation had prepared statistics to show Hancock County's tax base and current level of state and federal funding will not be able to keep up with a population growth of 53 percent predicted over the next 20 years.

"We more or less went with our hats in our hand," said Kellar. "We wanted to impress on each of them that there is a building

moratorium in certain sections of Hancock County because of the lack of a wastewater treatment system."

The Southern Regional Wastewater District has recently expanded capacity to handle the county's growth, but estimates are it will cost millions more to connect Ansley, Pearlinton, and Kiln to the system.

He said latest estimates are, without more federal funding, sewerage rates would have to rise to \$55 a month in order to construct a county-wide system.

"We want to get enough help to keep monthly bills in the low to medium range at around \$22.50 a month," said Kellar.

Kellar said the county is seeking funding from several sources. These include the U.S. Agriculture Department's Rural Utilities Services, the U.S. Corps of Engineers, Coastal Impact funds, the Gulf of Mexico Program and state Revolving loan funds.

He said the delegation had an hour set aside to meet with U.S. Sen. Thad Cochran, but he was called out to an emergency meeting in Boston. The Hancock delegation met with some

members of Cochran's staff, and left information with them, Kellar said.

He said the next day the Hancock delegation had about a 25-minute one-on-one session with U.S. Sen. Trent Lott, then about 30 minutes with Taylor.

Kellar added the delegation also had "a very productive meeting" with Jimmy Palmer. Palmer once headed the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and was very familiar with Hancock County's situation, Kellar said. He now serves as Southeast Director of DEQ.

Kellar said the group asked Mississippi's Congressional delegation to try to increase federal funding to the Gulf of Mexico Program. He pointed out that Congress has allocated \$213 million over the next 10 years to projects planned by the Chesapeake Bay Program and \$207 million to the Great Lakes Program, but only \$43 million to the Gulf of Mexico Program.

"Time will tell whether our pitch was successful," said Kellar. "But, we asked them to try to find ways to help us."

Point Island Garden Club meets

The Point island Garden Club met March 2 in the Sewer Board Building.

A report was given on the planting of the Freedom Magnolia Tree in the park and on Hwy. 90 by Mallini Bayou.

The Yard of the Month for March was awarded to Ethel Cheron and Susan Schertzer on Hillcrest Road. Several members signed up to tour Bellinrath

Gardens in Mobile March 26.

The speaker was Robert Doe who presented a program on the planting and

care of plumeria plants.

The next meeting will be April 2 at 2 p.m. in the Sewer Board Building.

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Audiences are invited to come to "Bali Hai" on "Some Enchanted Evening" and meet "A Wonderful Guy" at the SSC Brother Peter Gym on the campus of St. Stanislaus each night at 7.

The cast of 27 is led by David Cruthirds as Luther Billis, Preston Ellis as Emile de Becque, Paul Thibodeaux as Lt. Joe Cable, Alicia Asper as Bloody Mary, Brady Bordelon as Honey Bun, and Ashley Timidaiki as Nellie Forbush.

Supporting these young actors are Clare Adam, Dannie Alario, David Bradley, Ryan DuLaune, Michael Enloe, Tyler

Gallagher, Don Haller, Mimsie Ladner, B. J. Ledet, Elizabeth Lewis, Candy Mixon, Bryce Monu, Julie Reboul, Lisa Reboul, Bobbie Roy, Michael Roy, Courtney Schade, Brian Simonsen, Erin Stechmann, Danny Surbeck, and Logan Walker. Choreography of the musical is done by Alicia Asper.

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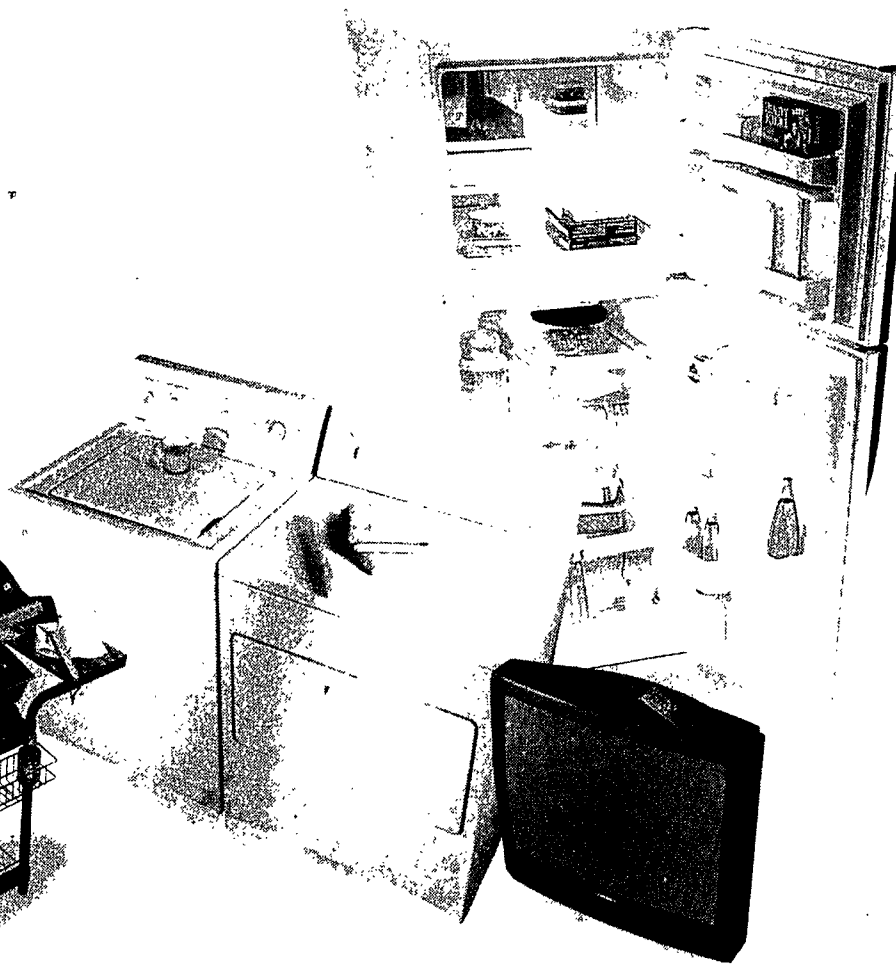
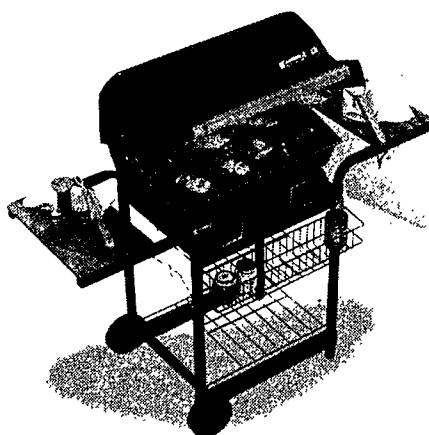
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Health -- Bayside landowner jailed

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June, and Maddox said Welch was given a deadline to comply and several extensions of time.

Welch lives in Bayside Park and rents his own trailers out on lots he owns or charges others to locate their trailers on his lots.

All his properties should have been tied into the collection system by last June or July, officials say, and Health Department Inspector Mike Rester and others have visited Welch several times investigating complaints raw sewage was running into ditches or on grounds where pipes leading to septic tanks are broken and the raw sewage is collecting on the ground.

Welch contends he doesn't have the money to hook up to the system and he is in poor health and unable to

do the work himself.

The department sent him a certified letter giving him until Nov. 27 to repair problems on three of his lots, and Rester said he had visited Welch's properties last January 3.

Some pipes were being laid and trenches were dug, but none of the lots were tied into the system, Rester said.

The Hancock County Sewer and Water District has installed grinders in front of all of Welch's properties, but he has never come into the office to pay a \$35 permit fee for each of the grinders, officials say.

The affidavits filed against Welch allege the time for compliance officially passed Nov. 27, and Welch is violating the state's wastewater regula-

tions. The charges are considered criminal misdemeanor violations and requested the Hancock County Justice Court to issue a warrant for Welch's arrest.

Health department violations were cited at four of Welch's properties: 6317, 6319 and 6321 W. Clay and at 8137 Jasper.

Eddie Renz, director of the Sewer and Water District, also said he plans to file affidavits against Welch for violating the county's sewerage ordinance. Renz said the district sent a certified letter to Welch at his home address on Feb. 15 giving him five days to come in and file application for permits for all of his properties.

Welch never reported to the local post office to pick

up the notice, and it was sent back to the District marked "undeliverable" last week.

Renz said now that proper notice has been given, the district could pull up the grinders in front of each of Welch's property. If that happens, he would have to pay a charge of \$2,640 each to re-install a grinder on any of his lots.

Health department officials had said earlier this year that they would begin cracking down on Hancock County residents south of Interstate 10 who have refused to connect to the sewerage system.

Health Department Director Dr. Frank Travnick announced last February his office would work closely with the Sewer and Water District to

enforce compliance.

The district is presently compiling a list of those who have not yet hooked up to the sewerage collection system and will join with the health department to file affidavits either in justice court or circuit court against all those who are refusing to hook up.

Maddox said Welch was given more than ample time to hook up to the system.

"We had no choice but to file charges against him," she said. "We want everybody out there who has not yet hooked up to the system

to know that we intend to follow through and file charges against each and every one of them," said Maddox.

She said if Welch is found guilty in justice court he could be subject to fines of up to \$500 a day for each day he is in violation, ordered to pay back fees and fines owed to the Water and Sewer District, pay court costs, and connect to the sewerage collection system. The judge could also order Welch to spend six months in jail on each charge, Maddox said.

DuPont -- MDEQ added

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punitive damages for its 1,300-plus clients. Some copies of the letter were also sent to plaintiffs in the proposed suit on Monday.

Chisolm said on Tuesday that the department had not yet discussed the letter internally with the department, but does plan a response after consultation with the state Attorney General's office and other state agencies.

"The plant (DuPont DeLisle) operates under a number of permits and as far as I know they are in compliance with those permits," said Chisolm.

Chisolm said that the DuPont plant does some self-testing for compliance and the MDEQ also does some testing. He said that he has no facts indicating that MDEQ employees were

not doing their job properly. "But if anyone does have any knowledge to the contrary I would certainly want to know," he said.

Smiley's office has been retained to represent persons who have been physically exposed to toxic materials, the letter states. These materials have been released upon them, their children and their community by E.I. DuPont DeNemours Corp., DuPont DeLisle Plant, the letter continues. The MDEQ had full authority and responsibility to enforce environmental regulations governing the plant.

The release and/or releases of toxic materials such as acids, heavy metals, radioactive particulates, dioxins, dibenzofurans, PCBs, and other harmful

materials, the letter states, occurred in Harrison and Hancock Counties and surrounding areas. Claimants are residents of these counties as well as Pearl River, Jackson, Stone, and Hinds Counties.

The attorney's alleged exposure to toxic chemicals have cause a wide range of injuries to their clients including tissue, respiratory, digestive, dermal, neurological, nervous system, psychological, circulatory, ocular, reproductive, cell and liver damage; brain damage in infants born to exposed women as well as learning disabilities and developmental problems. Clients also have an extraordinary rate of cancer and other injuries and diseases too numerous to mention, but listed in the letter

to MDEQ.

Mississippi Code requires that state agencies be notified 90 days prior to maintaining a court action. Chisolm said on Tuesday that the department will respond to the suit within the 90 days. Smiley said that if the agency does not respond to the Notice of Claim within the 90 days, a suit can and will be filed at that time.

The legal team has been compiling evidence for a potential suit against the DuPont DeLisle Plant for several months, conducting interviews with local residents and consulting experts in the environmental field.

They recently made the decision to add the MDEQ as co-defendants, Smiley said.

Fire

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The can exploded, sending up a ball of fire and spilling the burning fuel on five of the youngsters."

Two of the boys were taken to Hancock Medical Center, while another two were transported to Gulfport Memorial Hospital for treatment. Some of the youths had first, second, or third degree burns to areas such as their faces, arms, and chests, Hurt reported.

The sheriff's office had received the call Friday at 7:14 p.m., reporting a medical emergency at Primrose Drive in Garden Island.

Hancock County Fire Marshal Richard Pate said, "The fuel used in model boats and airplanes is a nitro fuel and is more explosive than gas."

Pate warned the public by saying, "Any flammable liquid, such as gas, fuel for model boats, air planes, cars, or trucks; oils, kerosene, paints, paint thinner, etc., should never be used to start fires, because it is very dangerous. We were very lucky no one was killed Friday night, and all were not injured."

Officials did not release

the names of those involved in the accident because they were juveniles.

Celestine Labat



Photo by Bob Hubbard

Celestine Labat, seated, a Bay St. Louis resident who was born in 1898, was the guest speaker recently at a meeting of the Hancock County Exchange Club. She spoke to club members about Bay St. Louis in the early 20th century. Also pictured are Ellis Anderson, left, Amy Corr and Lauri Gordon.

Rummaging for Rotary Club sale this summer

The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club needs your help. The club plans to host its first annual Rotary Rummage sale this summer, but wants to start collecting items for sale now.

Fifty percent of the proceeds of the sale will go to local charities and to the Father Johnson Hospital Foundation.

Items in need are working television sets, furniture, stereos, exercise equipment, boats and even cars. No clothes, please.

Receipts can be issued for items. If you have an item for donation, contact Rotary Rummage Sale Chairman John Baxter at (228) 466-5930 for the drop-off location.

Voiture 432 fund raiser for nurses programs

The Hancock-Pearl River Voiture 432 40/8 annual fund raiser for nurses programs is a fish fry March 23 at the American Legion Post 77 in Waveland.

Meal time is 5-8 p.m., eat in or take-outs.

The La Femmes will sell desserts and drinks (beer and two-liter soft drinks donated by Post 77.) For information, contact John Wilkerson (Post 139) at 228-467-6098.

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Obituaries

DAVID CARPENTER
PATRICIA CLARK
HARRY COLLINS
PETER DEAGANO
STANLEY GOOTEE
THOMAS HORNER
LARRY LADNER SR.
JAMES LECORNU
THELMA YOCKEY

DAVID CARPENTER
 David I. "Bill" Carpenter, 83, of Bay St. Louis, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Carpenter was a native of Garland, Ala. and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. He was a veteran retiring from the U.S. Army after serving 19 years. He was a member of the American Legion Post 139 and was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Laura Geoffrey Carpenter; a daughter, Lois Osterholm; his parents, David Benjamin and Lois McClure Carpenter; a brother, Ross LaDon Carpenter; sisters Kay Carpenter Young and Lois Carpenter Anderson and two great-grandchildren.

Survivors include sons David I. Carpenter, Jr. and Brian Keith Carpenter, both of Bay St. Louis; a daughter, Diane Sells of Bay St. Louis; brothers Ben Keener Carpenter of Spanish Fort, Ala. and George Vernon Carpenter of MacDavid, Ala.; and sisters Voncille Carpenter Garfield and Peggy Harvill, both of Birmingham, Ala.; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and a great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be today, March 14, 1-3 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service in the funeral home chapel and burial in Garden of Memory Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

PATRICIA CLARK
 Patricia O. Clark, 76, of Diamondhead, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mrs. Clark was a homemaker. She was a native of Drew, Miss. and a graduate of Drew High School. She attended Bell Haven College and was a graduate of LSU where she was a member of Chi Omega Fraternity. She was an associate member of Diamondhead Community Church.

She was preceded in death by her parents, J. E. and Josie Oliver.

Survivors include her husband, Roy Clark of Diamondhead; a son, Steve Clark and wife Sheila of Cleveland, Miss.; a daughter, Sandra Howell of Houston, Texas; and three granddaughters, Shelley Howell of Dallas and Carley Clark and Cara Clark, both of Cleveland, Texas.

Visitation was Monday at

Card of Thanks, from the family of Mildred Lott

We would like to thank the many friends and family for being there and for the care, kindness and thoughts given during Ms. Lott's lengthy illness.

Thanks to Dr. Chalmers, Dr. Joseph Lee, Dr. Libby, The staff at South MS Kidney dialysis center in Bay St. Louis and Gulfport. The emergency room staff doctors and nurses at Hancock Medical Center, the nursing staff and doctors at Memorial Hospital in Gulfport. To the student nurses and nurses who gave her extra care and hugs during her final days. Also to American Medical Response.

Thanks to Edmond Fahey funeral home and staff for a job well done. Thanks to Father Kelly and Father Jack of St. Ann's Catholic Church in Gulfport Harbor.

Thank you all.

Diamondhead Community Church followed by services. Burial was private.

Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

HARRY COLLINS
 Harry James Collins, 87, of Pass Christian, died Monday, March 11, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Collins was born Sept. 18, 1914 in New Orleans and was a longtime resident of Jefferson Parish and Harrison County.

Following his graduation from Fortier High School in 1931, he worked as a carpenter. In 1936, he worked for the U.S. Postal Service. In 1941 he entered the service of Koch-Ellis Marine Contractors, Inc. on the Mississippi River. He became port engineer in 1945 and vice president in charge of operations in 1948.

During his time he also formed a company, Point Landing, Inc. (a marine towing and fleet company) in 1953. On leaving Koch Ellis, he created Collins Towing Co. in 1954, and Point Landing Fuel Company in 1957. He then purchased Koch-Ellis Marine Contractors in 1959 and formed New Orleans Shipyard Corporation in 1970.

He was the founding director for the creation of East Jefferson General Hospital and member of the hospital's Volunteer Department.

He served as president for Presbyterian Services for the Elderly and was instrumental in the building of four Westminster Towers for the Aged. He served as chairman for the American Red Cross and was president of Jefferson Elementary PTA.

He was a member and past master of Square and Compass Lodge, member of Grand Consistory of LA Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons, and member of the Jerusalem Temple. He was a former member of the Jefferson Presbyterian Church for some 40 years and served as Ruling Elder and was active in the church choir.

Upon moving permanently to Pass Christian 1 1/2 years ago, he joined Pineville Presbyterian Church.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James M. and Gertrude Olivia "Ola" Mabius Collins; a sister, Gertrude Garma; and two daughters, Mary Ellen Collins and Harriet C. Harrison.

Survivors include his wife, Mittie Louise Ellis Collins; two daughters, Ann Collins and Susan Keenan; a son, Harry Ellis Collins; a brother, Thomas D. Collins; 11 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be conducted today, March 14 at 2 p.m. at Pineville Presbyterian Church on Menge Avenue in Pass Christian, where friends may call one hour prior to the service.

Riemann Funeral Home, 25th Avenue in Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

PETER DEAGANO
 Peter J. Deagano, 75, of Diamondhead, died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Arrangements are pending at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

STANLEY GOOTEE
 Reverend Stanley Joseph Gootee, SVD, of Bay St. Louis, died Sunday, March

10, 2002 in New Orleans.

Father Gootee was born March 18, 1917 in Loogootee, Ind. to Leo and Stella Fanning Gootee.

He attended Woods Public School in Martin County, Ind. and St. John Elementary School in Loogootee.

Before being ordained, Father Gootee spent 14 years in training in various SVD schools. He arrived at St. Mary Mission House in Techny, Ill. Sept. 8, 1931. On June 21, 1937, he entered the Novitiate at East Troy. He returned to St. Mary Techny to take his first vows June 21, 1939. He professed his perpetual vows June 20, 1943. He was ordained Aug. 15, 1944 at St. Mary Mission House, Techny, Ill.

His first assignment was to the Society of the Divine Word Southern Mission in the United States. He became assistant pastor at St. Mary Church in Vicksburg. He remained there until 1951 when he was transferred to St. Francis Xavier Church in San Francisco, Calif.

In 1954 he became the house procurator at St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis and a year later was appointed pastor of St. John the Baptist in Waco, Texas.

He transferred to Holy Cross in Austin, Texas as pastor in 1961 and stayed there until assigned to Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Belle Chase, La.

For two brief periods, Father Gootee was in St. Louis, Mo. at St. Nicholas Parish as assistant pastor and North Little Rock, Ark., at St. Augustine's Parish as pastor.

In 1975 he went to Lafayette, La. where he held the position of assistant pastor to the Parish of St. Anthony and assistant pastor to the Parish of Immaculate Heart of Mary.

During the next 12 years Father Gootee called the parish of St. John the Evangelist in Melville, La. home.

His new assignment brought him to Our Lady of the Rosary in Jeanerette, La. as pastor.

In 1996, Father Gootee moved to St. Mary Church in Houston, Texas, where he was in residence.

Aug. 15, 1969, Father Gootee celebrated 25 years in the priesthood while serving in Belle Chase, La.

Father Gootee has a brother, Fr. Paul Gootee, SVD who has been a missionary in Indonesia since 1956. He also has two sisters in religious life. St. Maryam Gootee is a Sister of Providence, and Sr. Patricia is a Medical Mission Sister. Two other brothers are medical doctors, and two other sisters are nurses. Father Gootee's younger brother, Raymond, died in the 1920's.

Visitation will be today, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. in the Main Chapel of St. Augustine's in Bay St. Louis. Funeral services will be conducted Friday, March 15, at 10 a.m. in the chapel. Burial will be in St. Augustine Seminary Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

Hartwell's Christian Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS HORNER
 Thomas Horner, 72, of Fayetteville, N.C., died Sunday, March 10, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

He was a native of Fayetteville, N.C., and a resident of Bay St. Louis for the past 12 years. He was a retired Episcopal pastor. Dr.

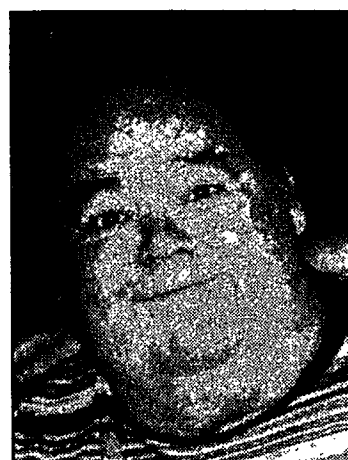
Horner was a graduate of New Bern high School, and attended ELON College, where he received the award of Who's Who Among College Students, and received his Bachelor of Arts degree. He then attended Duke University, where he received his Master of Divinity degree.

During his life, he taught at many colleges and wrote many textbooks that are published today. He pastored many churches before retiring. He was the founder of Faubourg Marigny Books in New Orleans.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William McKinley and Dorothy Baines Horner.

Survivors include a brother, Dr. George E. Horner.

A memorial service will be held today at 11 a.m. at the Christ Episcopal Church in Bay St. Louis.



a past security guard for Gulf Coast Security Service, Inc.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sue Ladner; and his parents, Edgar and Anna Mae Bergeron Ladner.

Survivors include daughter Vicki Ladner Peterson of Germantown, Md.; a son, Larry A. Ladner, Jr. of Helena, Mo.; brothers Grady Ladner of Picayune and Richie Ladner of Metairie; and two grandchildren.

Visitation was Tuesday evening at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. A prayer service was conducted Wednesday at the funeral home chapel followed by interment in Bayou LaCroix Cemetery in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the Police Benevolent Association, 1900 Brannon Road, McDonough, GA 30253.

JAMES LECORNU
 James "Jim" Lecornu, 71, of Kiln, died Friday, March 8, 2002, in Biloxi.

Mr. Lecornu was born April 26, 1930 in Vardaman, Miss. and was a resident of the Gulf Coast for 30 years. He was a member of the Water Well Drillers Association for 20 years and served in the U.S. Air Force for 12 years during World War II and the Korean conflict. He was a Baptist.

He was preceded in death by his parents, George Edwards and Mary Lou Lecornu; a son, Steven Lecornu; and five brothers, Herbert, George Edmond, Charles, Rufus and John Amer Lecornu.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Lecornu of Kiln; a son, Richard Mann of California; six daughters, Angela Ladner of Pass Christian, Cara Ivancevich of Canada, Colleen Duval and Jacquilyn Flores, both of California, Roxie Specht of Colorado and Linda Valet

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of Oregon; 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Monday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Tuesday in the funeral home chapel.

Interment was in St. Joseph Cemetery at Rotten Bayou.

THELMA YOCKEY
 Thelma Yockey, 82, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, March 12, 2002, in Pass Christian.

Services are pending at Riemann Funeral Home in Pass Christian.

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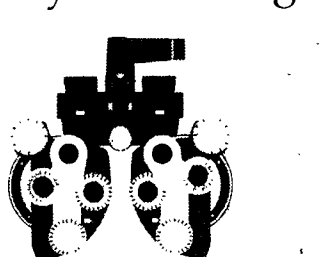
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The following information is needed to file your application.

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Terri Yetter, left, president of the Kiwanis Club of Hancock County, presents a check in the amount of \$1700 to Phyllis Goodyear, manager, the Gulf Coast Branch/Mississippi Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation to help fund Coast children battling arthritis to attend a summer camp.

Hancock Kiwanis donates to Arthritis Foundation

Youngsters plagued by arthritis will be eligible to attend Mississippi's first-ever Kamp Rainbow this summer. It will be held on the USM Long Beach campus July 18-20.

Open to children ages 6-14 and their parent or legal guardian, the program offers participants resources on arthritis, a forum for increased public awareness, the opportunity to meet new friends and, most importantly, a chance too have fun.

Kamp Rainbow features a full schedule of activities coordinated by a team of health care professionals specializing in treatment of juvenile rheumatic condi-

tions and concerned advocates dedicated to young people.

Retreat organizers have designed each educational and recreational event to help children with arthritis overcome everyday obstacles; recognize, accept, and celebrate differences among themselves and others; establish invaluable associations; and maintain lasting friendships for both parent and child.

Goodyear states that "we are relying on donations and sponsorships in order to offer this three day camp for a total charge of \$10 per applicants and their families. To fulfill this goal, Mississippi's children who

suffer rheumatic diseases are depending on key businesses, industry, community leaders and foundations to help make this camp debut and subsequent retreats successful."

Every year March 4-8 is National Juvenile Arthritis Awareness Week. The Hancock County Kiwanis Club would like to challenge other service clubs to follow their lead by making a donation.

The Gulf Coast Branch/Mississippi Chapter of the Arthritis Foundation is located at 4387 Leisure Time Dr., Diamondhead. Phyllis Goodyear can be contacted at (228) 586-1351.

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TOPS 233 officers

TOPS, MS 233 met Tuesday March 5 at the Waveland Methodist Church on Vacation Lane and Central Avenue. Best loser for the week was Judy with 5 1/4 lbs. There was 13 members present. The gift was won by Judy, but donated back. The incentive was won by Elaine.

Had nominations of new officers, they are as follows:
Leader Wenda
Co-Leader Pat

Secretary Gwen
Treasurer Elaine
Tops 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-ins are at 5-5:45 pm with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Take Off Pounds Sensibly

CHAPTER 233
TOPS MS 233 met Tuesday, March 12 at the Waveland Methodist Church on Central Avenue in Waveland.

Best loser for the week was Wenda with 4 1/2 lbs. There were 14 members present. The gift was won by Rose. The incentive was won by Rose, but donated it back to the club.

The top weight losers for the month of February were Gwen with a Turtle; Elaine with 1 lb; Charlotte with 1 1/4 lbs.; Rose with 2 3/4 lbs.; Anna with 3 1/4 lbs.; Inge with 3 3/4 lbs; Judy with 8 1/4 lbs.; and Wenda with 11

1/2 lbs. Perfect attendance for February goes to Judy, Inge, Jeanette, Elaine, June and Wenda.

The program was given by Judy. The topic was on attitude.

TOPS 233 meets every Tuesday at the Waveland Methodist Church. Weigh-ins are 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting following.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS 233 chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Charlotte at 467-5790.

Friday is the deadline for chamber applications

Friday, March 15, 5 p.m. is the deadline for resumes for the position of executive director of the Hancock County Chamber of

Commerce, said John Baxter, chamber vice-president. The chamber's office is located at 412 Highway 90, Suite 6, Bay St. Louis.

Women's club meets today

Hancock Women's Club will meet today, March 14 at 10:30 a.m.

Members are asked to bring new or used games

and puzzles to be distributed at the summer camp for Children With Arthritis.

Lunch will be served at Farve's Restaurant.

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BY MISTY TRENT

GUANTANAMO BAY, Cuba Within hours of the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, U.S. Navy Sailors were gearing up for a variety of missions that would become Operation Enduring Freedom.

Hospital corpsmen deployed to New York City on board the hospital ship USNS Comfort to provide support to emergency workers at the site of the World Trade Center.

Sailors manned the flight decks of their aircraft carriers and took their cruisers, destroyers and submarines to conduct and support combat missions in Afghanistan.

Navy Seabees like Lt. Jon S. Scott are now deployed to the U.S. naval base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, responsible for a variety of construction projects at Camp X-Ray, the al-Qaeda and Taliban detention facility.

Scott, son of Joseph and Sarah Scott, and son-in-law of Jean Tincher, all of Pass Christian, is a naval officer assigned to Construction Battalion Unit 423, based out of Norfolk, Va.

Scott is one of almost 140 Seabees tasked with constructing 320 holding units, guard towers, buildings for supply personnel and basic medical facilities, including an operating room, laboratory and intensive care unit.

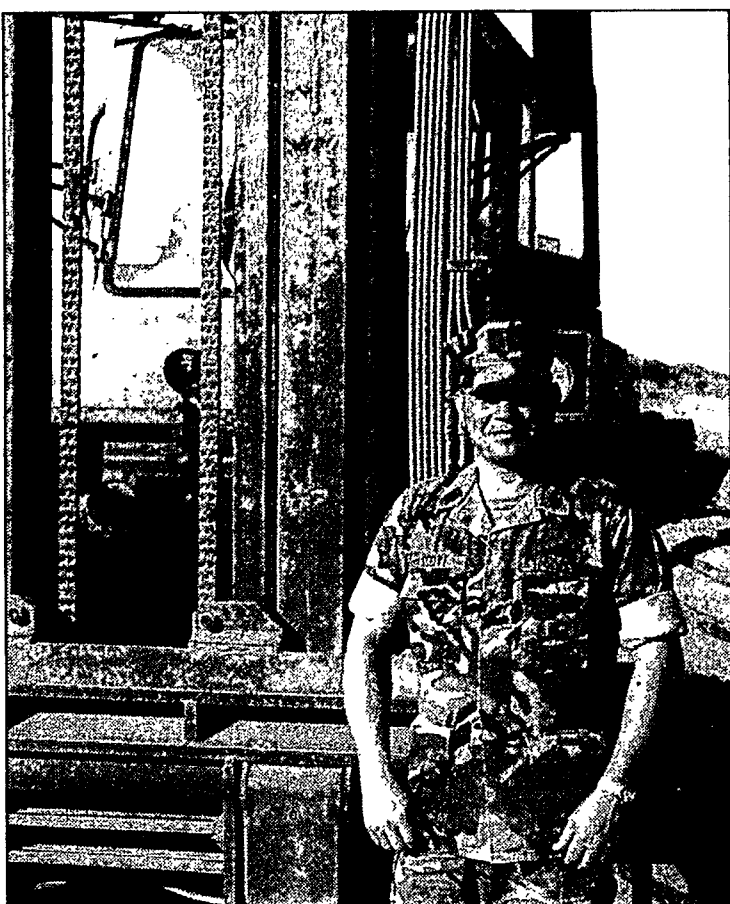
The Seabees, the Navy's construction force, arrived in Cuba in early January. So far, 14 Seabees have been activated from the Naval Reserve to serve on projects at Camp X-Ray in Guantanamo Bay.

Seabees specializing in steelwork, building, heavy equipment operation and maintenance, utilities and engineering are on site.

"I am the officer-in-charge of CBU 423. While deployed, I am the public works officer for Fleet Hospital 20. I feel it is a privilege to lead such an outstanding group of men and women," explained Scott, 40.

"My job is to support the medical staff and provide them with a comfortable atmosphere so that they may provide medical care. I make sure the hospital has electricity, water and all public works services."

In addition to building



Lt. Jon S. Scott

facilities needed for the detainees, the Seabees are also working on quality-of-life improvements for the soldiers and Marines responsible for the security of Camp X-Ray, including floors and lighting for the living area and showers.

Working in direct support of Operation Enduring Freedom is especially meaningful for the Seabees in Guantanamo Bay.

"I feel every American, especially those in the military, want to contribute to the effort in defeating terrorism."

"I am honored that my unit was selected to participate in support of Operation Enduring Freedom," said Scott, a 1979 graduate of Oxnard High School in Oxnard, Calif.

"We are doing something that has never been done before, providing a fleet hospital for the medical treatment of our enemies. This is a very important job in that the whole world is interested in how well we treat the detainees."

Scott joined the Navy in September of 1982. "I joined the Navy because I wanted variety in my career. I became a Seabee because of the community's reputation for humanitarian services to other countries and the support they provide for the Marines," said Scott, hus-

band of the former Tracy O'Neill and father of three.

Serving as Seabees in the Navy provides unique opportunities to these men and women. "My most interesting experiences have been the deployments for humanitarian missions. I went to Senegal for a hospital renovation. I went to Honduras as part of a well-drilling team. I worked on Mount Etna, helping to divert the lava flow from the town of Zafarana, Sicily."

Established in 1941, Navy Seabees have a combat history all their own. More than 325,000 Seabees served in World War II, building airstrips, bridges, roads, hospitals and housing.

Seabees also undertake humanitarian projects around the globe, building schools, orphanages and public utilities and providing disaster relief after hurricanes and earthquakes.

Serving in support of Operation Enduring Freedom in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Navy Seabees like Lt. Jon S. Scott embody the motto of the naval construction forces: "We build, we fight."

(Misty Trent is a journalist at the Public Affairs Center in Norfolk, Va. The U.S. Navy photo is by Benjamin Hammond.)

Dublin Street Band to perform

Irish eyes will be smiling Saturday, March 16, as the Dublin Street Band returns for its annual St. Patrick's Day performance and tribute to the patron saint of Ireland.

Mallini's Point Lounge in Henderson Point, Pass Christian, is the site for this year's concert by the popular band, now in its ninth year.

Led by guitarist and lead singer, Matt Barrett, the group plays an array of authentic Irish ballads and folk songs.

From its small beginnings at Pepper's Lounge in Discovery Bay to the present, the band has amassed a number of avid followers over the years, many of whom have learned the Irish tunes and unabashedly sing along with the band

much like patrons in a true Irish pub.

Barrett said the camaraderie and audience participation is part of the band's appeal. "It's just like an Irish pub," he said. "In fact, one of our band members went to Ireland a couple of years ago, and he knew all the songs they were playing in the pub. It really surprised the locals."

Comprised of Irish, part-Irish and non-Irish musicians, the Dublin Street Band members begin practicing for their annual gig as soon as the Christmas wrapping paper is tossed into the trash.

Most of the members have been with the band for a number of years, so it doesn't take long to brush up on the songs, Barrett said. They also try to add a

couple of new songs each year to keep their performances fresh and enjoyable.

Barrett said the band originated from casual get-togethers with friends and other musicians. He originally learned some Irish tunes from a couple of Irish priests and then began to search out other songs to play. Soon the informal jam sessions turned into staged performances and the band's popularity quickly grew.

In addition to Barrett, band members include Andrew Barrett, Tyrell Bertinot, David Bosley, Scott Courrege, Mike Masino, Matt McKiernan, and Don Watson.

The performance is slated to begin at 8:30 p.m. Saturday at Mallini's Point Lounge.

Composers Forum selects Discovery Center

WINGS Performing Arts Program at the Lynn Meadows Discovery Center has been selected as a host community for *Continental Harmony* from the American Composers Forum. The Objective of *Continental Harmony* is "celebrating your community through music."

"The Discovery Center presented such a creative proposal," says Patricia Schifferd, national program

director.

"The project is for children, involves diverse groups and takes an interdisciplinary approach to the performance of the music."

Continental Harmony is a joint venture with the American Composers Forum and the National Endowment for the Arts. Additional funding is through the Rockefeller Foundation and the Knight Foundation. The Discovery

Center will review applications from composers across the nation. The chosen composer will assist in writing and preparing the composition for performance of an original piece of music entitled "Mississippi Birthplace of Jazz, a Child's Legacy."

A multimedia production, it will feature the work of a diverse group of Coast young people - singers, actors, dancers and visual artists.

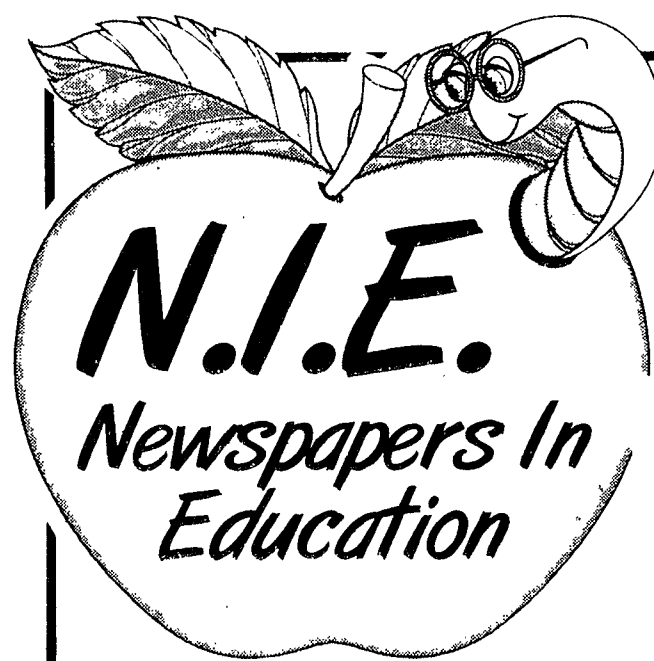
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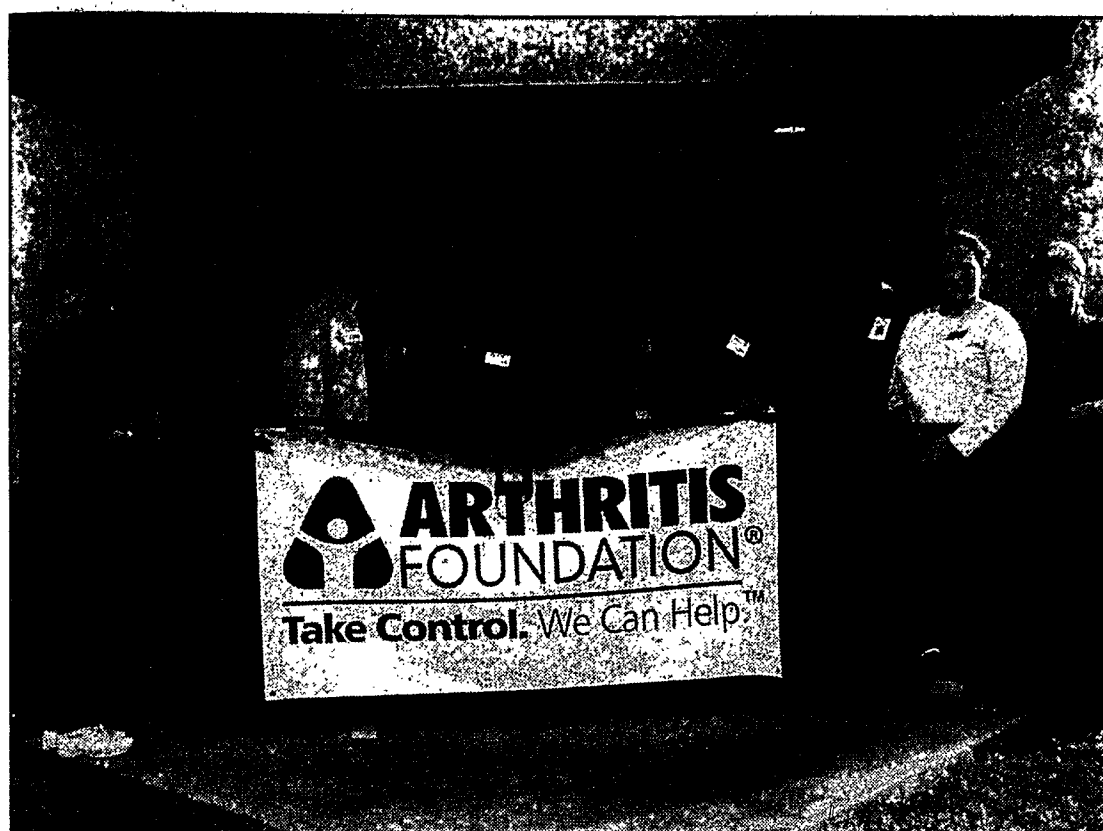
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BUSINESS NEWS



Ribbon cutting

The Gulf Coast Branch of the Arthritis Foundation, MS Chapter held a grand opening celebration at its new location, 4387 Lelsure Time Drive, Diamondhead, recently. Participating in the event were Frances Graves, left, board members Brandon Cloud and Robert Dienelt, branch director Phyllis Goodyear, MS Chapter president T.J. McSparrin, board members Sheryl Egan Olalvar, Heather North M.D. and Dudley Burwell M.D., Courtney Thomas, Kelly Smith, Linda Graffeo and others. Board members not pictured are Doug Bates and Lance Johansen, M.D. The mission of the Arthritis Foundation is to improve lives through leadership in the prevention, control and cure of arthritis and related diseases. For more information on the group, call 228-586-1351. (Staff photo by Cecilia Howe)

84 Lumber adds new manager trainee

84 Lumber Company, one of the nation's largest building materials retailers, has hired John Santalla Jr. as a manager trainee at the 84 Lumber in Slidell.

Santalla Jr. is a native of Bay St. Louis, and graduated from Hancock High School in 1999. He is the son of John Santalla Sr. of Gretna and Joanna Mellish of Biloxi.

Santalla Jr. currently resides in Slidell with his wife Brandy and their daughter Amara.

As a manager trainee, Santalla Jr. is responsible for sales, estimating and material takeoffs, performing in-store merchandising and maintaining store and yard appearance.

Founded in 1956 by Joe Hardy in the town of Eighty Four, Pa. (about 20 miles south of Pittsburgh), 84 Lumber currently operates 416 stores in 31 states.

84 Lumber reported sales of \$1.8 billion in 1999, with approximately 75 percent of the sales total coming from

professional builders and remodelers.

For information, visit 84 Lumber Company online at 84lumber.com.

Rummaging for Rotary

The Bay St. Louis Rotary Club plans to host its first annual Rotary Rummage sale this summer.

Call John Baxter at (228) 466-5930 for the drop-off location.

Goodwill's founder honored with national monument

LeRoy Modenbach, executive director of Goodwill Industries of South Mississippi, announced to his employees that a 42-inch bronze medallion featuring a quotation and a rendering of Goodwill founder Dr. Edgar J. Helms was unveiled in Washington, D.C. recently.

Helms' medallion is the first of one hundred hand-sculpted bronze medallions to be positioned so as to form a one-mile memorial path adjacent to the White House and U.S. Treasury Department in D.C. as a tribute to the contributions of private U.S. citizens who dedicated their lives to making the world a better place.

Those to be honored in the memorial must have been born in the U.S. or been naturalized as a U.S. citizen. Their achievements must have:

- * been made in the public interest;
- * materially improved American society or the environment;
- * had a positive effect on a significant number of people in the U.S.;
- * been made while the person was acting as a private citizen, not as an appointed or elected government official;
- * been undertaken outside of the person's normal work assignment and been not for profit; and
- * taken place at least five years ago.

Over 200 independent Goodwills throughout the world yielded almost \$2 billion in gross revenues in the year 2000. Approximately 450,000 people were served

in 2000 with job placements at an impressive 77,895.

Collecting, processing and reselling donated materials is still an integral part of Goodwill's method.

Now, however, Goodwill workers can be found manufacturing American flags, stocking groceries in military commissaries, performing computer input for banks, operating commercial laundries, manufacturing military uniforms, acting as guides in hospitals, performing maid service in hundreds of rooms, receiving/sorting/delivering mail at major military installations, cleaning millions of square feet of buildings

weekly, assembling airplane parts, offering food service to thousands of military personnel daily ... and much more.

Helms started Goodwill Industries 100 years ago with the idea that people could earn a living by collecting donated goods, than repairing and selling them - that a job was better than a handout. "Not charity, but a chance," he always said.

Goodwill's goal is to help people identify work opportunities in their communities, access the training and other support they need to get those jobs, as well as advance in their careers.

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Entertainment

Paul Anka plays Casino Magic BSL

Beginning his career by entering amateur contests and sneaking into clubs, Paul Anka has gone on to become one of the greatest songwriters in history. Now you can see this legendary performer live. March 16 at 9 p.m., only at Casino Magic Bay St. Louis.

Tickets for this one show only are \$29.95, \$34.95 and \$39.95, and may be purchased through the Casino Magic Box Office by calling 1-800-5-MAGIC-5 or through any Ticketmaster Outlet. The concert takes place in the Magic Entertainment Complex. Must be at least 21 years of age to attend.

He has achieved unprecedented success in every venue: stage, screen, television, and recording. His musical compositions are internationally known and have been recorded by the greatest names in the entertainment industry.

Last year he set a milestone by being one of only a few artists in history to have a record on Billboard's Top 50 charts for five consecutive decades (Billboard statistic).

Anka has also been named the 21st most successful artist in Billboard's history (Billboard statistic). He received the honor of being named one of Billboard Magazine's most successful artists in history, putting him alongside music greats Elvis Presley and the Beatles.

Since the inception of his career, Anka's songs have been performed well over 90 million times (BMI statistic) worldwide. His LP and single sales collectively number more than 42 million (BMI statistic). With well over 900 songs to his credit,



Paul Anka will perform at Casino Magic BSL on Saturday.

Anka's most memorable are "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "My Way" and the now famous theme from "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson".

Anka's contributions to the entertainment industry have earned him numerous awards and special recognition. In addition to performing for heads of state, he has been honored by the French government, who awarded him the title: Chevalier In The Order of Arts And Letters. He is among only a handful of Americans to receive this prestigious award.

Recently, Anka was elected into The Songwriter's Hall Of Fame by the National Academy of Popular Music.

Anka's timeless musical career rolls on this year as Sony/Epic Music is releasing his 123rd album.

Launching his career as an international teen idol at the age of 16 with "Diana," with sales totaling over 20 million copies worldwide. Before he turned 18, Anka had five Top-20 hits. Influenced by great R&B performers of the day

including Chuck Berry and Fats Domino, and by the welcome arrival of innovators Buddy Holly and Elvis Presley, Anka cut a distinguished musical niche filled with the wonders of romance. A roster of 1950's hits made him a household name with songs like "Put Your Head On My Shoulder," "You Are My Destiny," "Lonely Boy" and "Puppy Love".

By the late 50's Anka established himself as a prolific and successful singer/songwriter, with appearances on "American Bandstand" creating further fame.

In the wake of the British Invasion, the music of Paul Anka remained timely, ushering in such classics as "A Steel Guitar And A Glass Of Wine" and "Love Me Warm And Tender."

In the 70's Anka ushered in another wave of chart-topping hits: "(You're) Having My Baby," "I Don't Want To Sleep Alone" and "One-Man Woman". His success continued into the eighties with "Hold Me 'Til The Morning Comes" produced by David Foster

accompanies by vocalist Peter Cetera lending his talent. An indication of his versatility shows in his most beloved song "My Way." It has been recorded not only by the likes of Elvis Presley, but also, Sid Vicious, and most notably: Frank Sinatra, for whom the song was written.

Paul Anka has been married for more than thirty-five years to former model Anne de Zogheb and is blessed with five daughters: Amelia, Anthea, Alicia, Amanda and Alexandra. Alexandra gave birth to her first child in December, 1997. Anka continues to have roots in his hometown of Ottawa as a co-owner of the National Hockey League franchise the Ottawa Senators.

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In addition the theme park announced its operating calendar for Jazzland's third season.

Jazzland will be open weekends from April 13 through May 19; daily operation begins May 25; and the fall hours start August 24.

The park will be open on Labor Day and season ends October 27. Times and dates are subject to change without notice.

Also Jazzland's Season Thrill Passes are currently \$39.99 for a limited time only. The regular price is \$49.99. All prices plus tax and assessment. The Season Thrill Pass is

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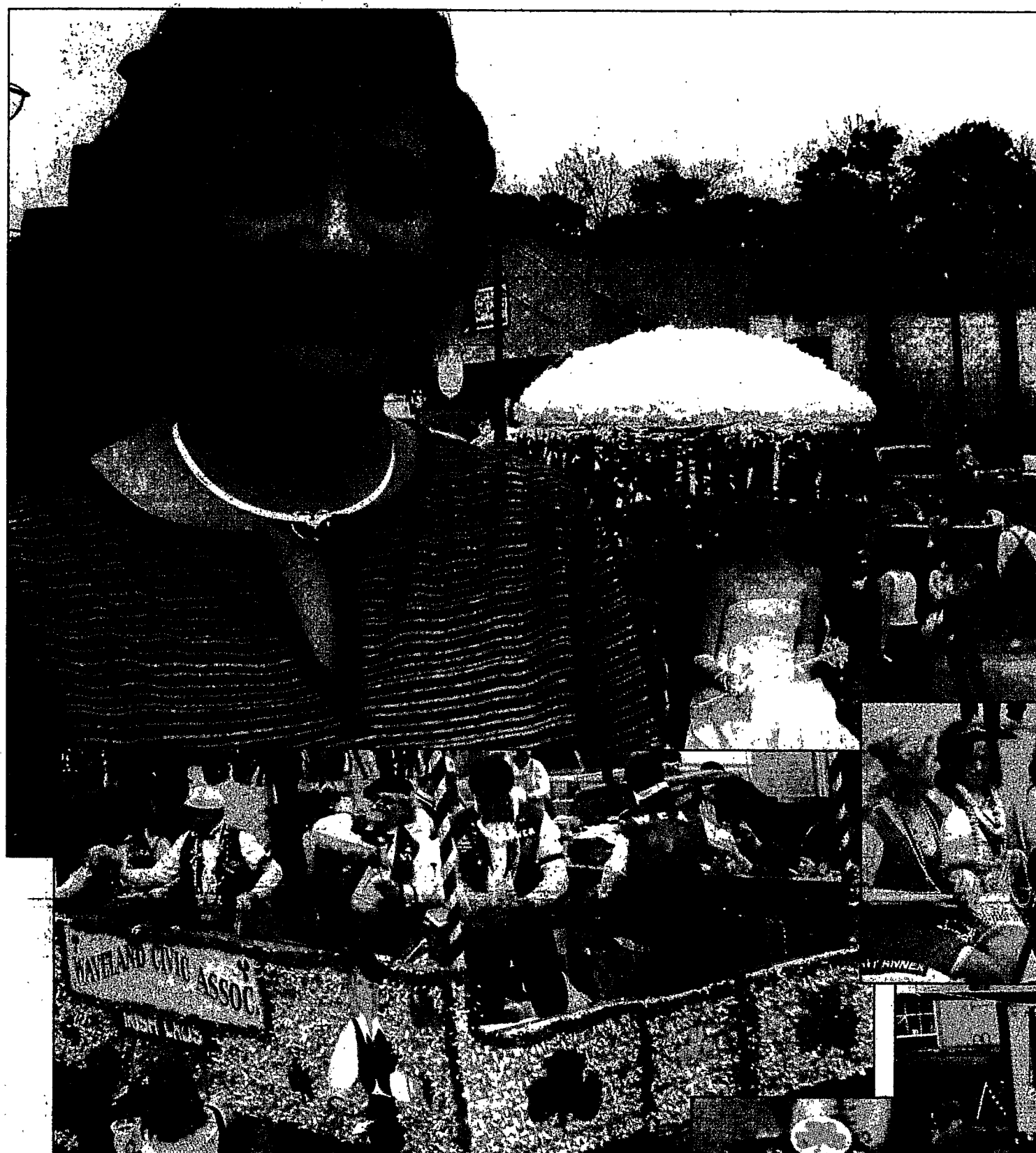
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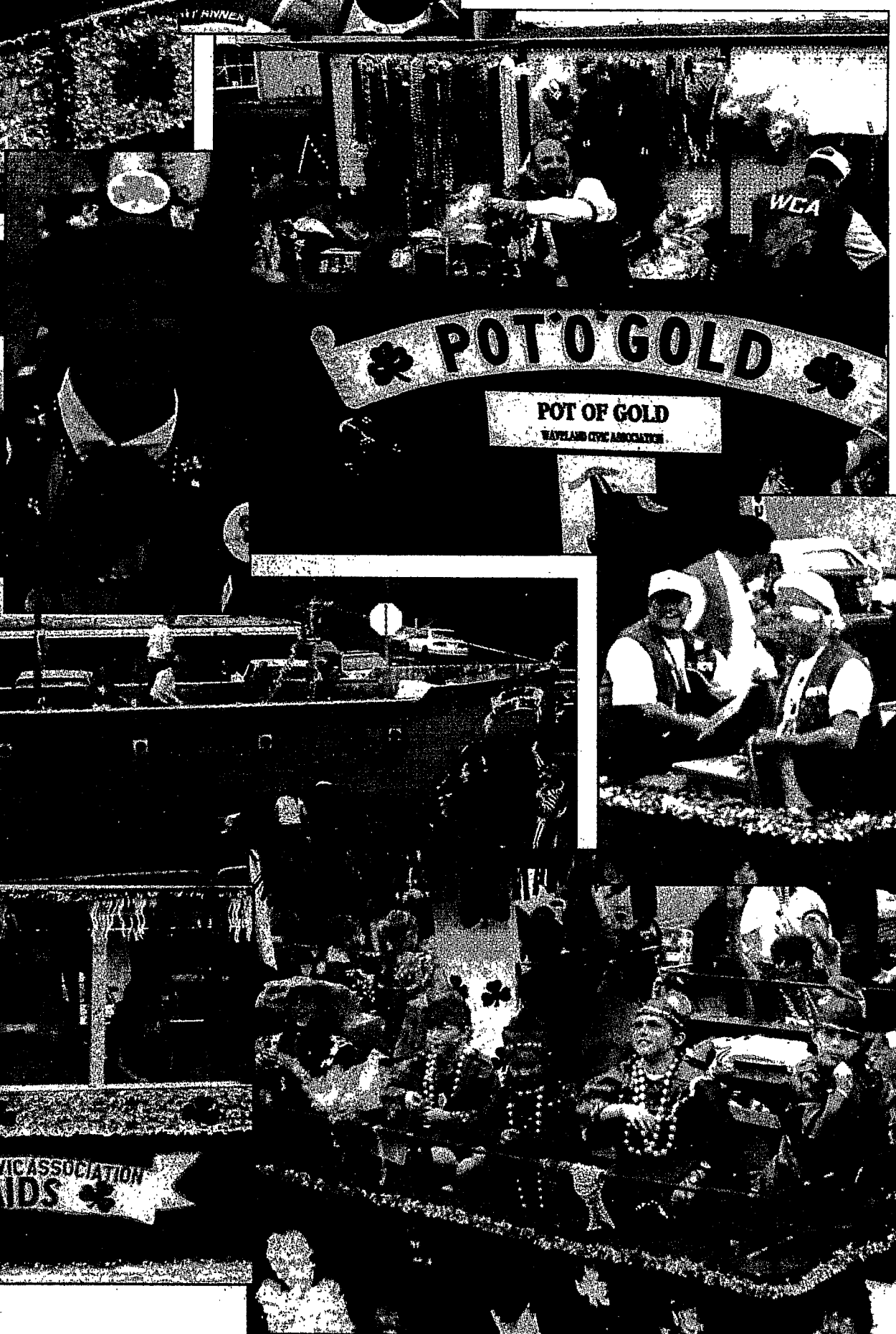
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'Kiss me, I'm Irish'



A torrential downpour about half-way through Saturday afternoon's St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Waveland did nothing to dampen the enthusiasm of the hundreds of parade watchers who turned out to catch their fill of beads and cabbages. The annual parade is sponsored by the Waveland Civic Association.

Echo staff photos by Bennie Shallbetter



The Sea Coast Echo

SPORTS

Provine squeaks by Bay for title 60-58, but Tigers took a big bite this season

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II
Staff Writer

Well, it's over. But, there isn't one person out there who can say the ride wasn't any fun. The Bay High Lady Tigers ended their 2002 basketball season on Saturday in Jackson against the Jackson Provine Lady Rams. The Lady Tigers were narrowly defeated by Provine 60-58 in the Class 4A girls state championship game; however, the loss didn't come without its share of drama.

The Lady Tigers were down 16 points heading into the final period when the fires were lit. Bay High head coach Debbie Triplett used the timeout in between periods to fire her troops up. Triplett stated, "Up until the fourth period, we were not playing aggressive. I told the players in between periods that we were going to go for it in the final period."

"We were going to press full court, play man defense, and get aggressive. We wanted to pick up the tempo a bit and go all out and see what happens. Before I knew it, we had a few steals, Stephanie Reed hit consecutive three-pointers, and we were down five points. It was a dog fight the rest of the way."

Calling the game a dog fight the rest of the way is putting it lightly. The Lady Tigers took a 58-57 lead with :45 left to play and appeared to have the gold ball within their grasp. The Lady Tigers' defense was relentless and held Provine to just one field goal in the final period. The Lady Rams scored just six points with four coming from the foul line.

In the waning moments of the game, the Lady

Tigers decided to spread the floor. Felicia Thomas whipped a pass down to Carmen Labat who had a little trouble controlling the hard pass. Provine recovered the bobbled ball leaving Bay High to foul Provine. The Lady Rams made one of two foul shots to tie the score. Still, the Lady Tigers had time on their side.

Bay High pushed the ball down court and took a shot that was off the mark. On an over-ruled call, Stephanie Reed committed a foul that sent her to the bench with :08 left to play. One official in front of the play whistled a jump ball while the trail official from half court made a call, through traffic, that Reed committed a foul. Provine made both shots at the line. Bay High still had time, though.

Bay High's Santana Wilkes, replacing the fouled out Stephanie Reed, pushed the ball down the court and took a shot that rimmed out and was recovered by Kendra Reed who put a shot up from behind the goal that did not find its mark as time expired. The final score 60-58 in favor of the Lady Rams (30-5). The win gave Provine their first state championship in girls basketball while the Lady Tigers (27-9) finished runner-up for the second time since 1998. From my seat, the Lady Rams didn't beat Bay High. Rather, the Lady Tigers simply just ran out of time.

Triplett commented on the state title game, "I thought the girls played their hearts out in the fourth period. It is too bad that we waited until then to play like we did. As a team, we did not go to the foul line

as much as Provine did. We shot just seven foul shots to Provine's 17 shots. But, I am very proud of the way we played. I thought Kendra Reed, Stephanie Reed, Carmen Labat, and Felicia Thomas all played their usual game. LaMonica James really stepped her game up. She not only stepped up today but the whole post-season. She is a major reason why our inside game has progressed so much recently and why we were playing in the state title game."

Kendra Reed paced the Lady Tigers in the title game with a double-double. She scored 15 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. Carmen Labat and LaMonica James each tallied 14 points. Stephanie Reed had an all-around game at point guard scoring 13 points, dishing five assists, and grabbing four steals.

Kendra Reed, Stephanie Reed, and Carmen Labat all earned All-State honors for their performances. Labat and Kendra Reed also earned All-South State honors, as well. For Kendra Reed on the season, she completed a trifecta. She earned MVP of Division 8 and All-Division honors, All-South State, and All-State recognition. All of that hardware as a freshman bodes well for the future of Bay High basketball.

Despite the outcome at the state tournament, the Lady Tigers and their fans have lots to cheer about. First of all, the season that just ended was one that was not expected at the start of the year. Secondly, the team will return all five starters next season.

Bay High loses one valu-

able senior in Sharmaine Rieux.

While Rieux was not a starter, she did provide quality minutes and a spark off the bench for the young Lady Tigers.

Carmen Labat, Stephanie Reed, Kendra Reed, Felicia Thomas, and LaMonica James all return. James has progressed tremendously in the post-season while the other four have played their games true to their talent - exquisite.

Triplett added, "I thought that this team could make it to the State Tournament, if they played their game. The team had to take of the little things. It was invaluable what an experience this young team was able to have. You hate to end a season the way ours ended; however, I am very proud of the way we played all year long. And, I am very proud of what this team accomplished."

"The fans, coaches, parents, school administrators and officials have all been very supportive of what we are trying to do. And, I am very appreciative of that. Now, there is no rest for the weary. We will take about a week off and begin work for next year. Hopefully, and God-willing, we will be fortunate enough to be in the same position next year."

From an outsider's perspective, I must say that this season was one of true success. The young players found ways to succeed and win - no matter how ugly. They found ways to make the most of a loss. They found ways to bring the best out in each other, both on and off the court.

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"Clear, shallow, sand-and-gravel-bottom streams in certain areas of Mississippi are irresistible to ATV riders from about April through October," Scenic Streams Coordinator Andrew Whitehurst said.

And while the riders are getting their kicks, they are killing future generation of fish. Here's what's happening.

According to Whitehurst, fish and other aquatic organisms spawn on stream bottoms. They form nests and lay eggs in gravel and sand during spring and summer, coinciding with peak ATV riding. Some streams are invaded every weekend during the warm parts of the year.

"This much activity means that these stream can be stirred up for upward of 48 hours each week for as long as warm weather lasts," Whitehurst said, "the insect larvae and plankton eaten by young flathead catfish and spotted bass - two of the most desirable fish in Mississippi streams - are ground-up by the ATVs, then covered, and suffocated with suspended sediment."

The stream spawning beds of species such as mad-

toms, darters, and others also are affected.

The 2002 session of the state Legislature amended Mississippi's public waterways law, prohibiting riding motorized vehicles in public waterways without the landowner's written permission. Violation of this law is a misdemeanor.

The amendment has been sent to the Governor for his signature.

The new stream poster lets people know that riding ATVs in our streams during the fish spawning season is hurting our fisheries resources.

In addition to the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries and Parks, statewide organizations sponsoring the poster include the Mississippi

Sheriff's Association, Mississippi Wildlife Federation, Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation, Mississippi Forestry Association, Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality, Mississippi Forestry Commission, Pearl River Basin Development District, and the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources.

Posters are available at the six district offices of the Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks and from poster sponsors.

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Financial aid opportunities plentiful at Pearl River Community College

Peggy Shoemake, director of financial aid at Pearl River Community College, has some sound advice for students, and parents of students, who are unsure about where they will be attending college next year.

"My advice is to apply for financial aid as early in the year as possible after families have completed their 2001 federal income tax returns," said Shoemake.

"It is also important for students who have not made a final decision on a college or university to apply for financial aid at all of the schools that they are considering."

Financial Aid applications for the 2002-03 academic year at PRCC are available at this time. PRCC participates in all major title IV federal student assistance programs and awards academic and service scholarships to several hundred students within the six-county district served by the college.

The six counties are Forrest, Lamar, Marion, Jeff Davis, Pearl River and Hancock.

According to Shoemake, the financial aid application process begins with completion of the 2002-03 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA eligibility report will determine eligibility for all of the federal programs, as well as some of the Foundation Scholarship Awards.

It is important for PRC students to include the school code, 002430, when completing the FAFSA.

"High school counselors within our district will have in early February a supply of all of the financial aid applications required at Pearl River Community

College," said Shoemake. "In addition, they will also have a supply of the PRCC financial aid consumer information guides."

"It will include a comprehensive listing of all financial aid programs and academic standards and regulations required to maintain eligibility each semester."

Approximately 70 percent of the 3,400-plus students attending PRCC receive at least one type of student assistance and many students are awarded a financial aid "package" that includes several forms of assistance.

"Pell Grant awards that students receive at PRCC are exactly the same as the grant they would receive at any four-year school in the country," said Shoemake. "Because of our low tuition fees, many of our students are able to cover all of their educational costs with the Pell Grant, and in some cases may provide them with a cash refund that can be used for indirect educational expenses."

"At the same time, many PRCC students will, in addition to their Pell Grants, also receive an aca-

ademic scholarship based on their ACT scores and perhaps be on the work-study program as well."

Work study allows students to work on campus for 10-12 hours per week in various departments on campus. PRCC currently has some 225 students participating in the work-study program in Poplarville and Hattiesburg.

Academic scholarships are automatically awarded to all qualifying high school seniors within the PRCC district who meet eligibility requirements based on their composite ACT score.

"Academic scholarships can range in value from one-half tuition to the Presidential, Valadictorian and Salutatorian awards that cover tuition, and room and board," said Shoemake. "We award those scholarships to the top two students at every school within our district, as well as any student who makes 29 or better on the ACT."

Additionally, a large number of private scholarships are made available to PRCC students each year from businesses, civic clubs and individuals who sup-

port the college.

"To apply for those scholarships, students must complete a separate application through the financial aid office as well," said Shoemake. "They are also described in the consumer information guide."

Another type of financial aid available to students are service scholarships, which are awarded to students who participate in extra-curricular activities such as the Band, String of Pearls, cheerleaders, etc.

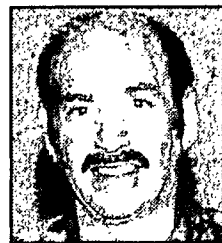
The PRCC Financial Aid office is available to assist students with the application process throughout the year. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For information, call (601) 403-1029.

Financial aid workshops are also presented at many of the district high schools during the year to answer questions and assist families with completion of the applications.

Guide rules and applications are also available on the PRCC web site at prcc.cc.ms.us. The FAFSA may be submitted by completion of the paper application or on the Internet at <http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov>.

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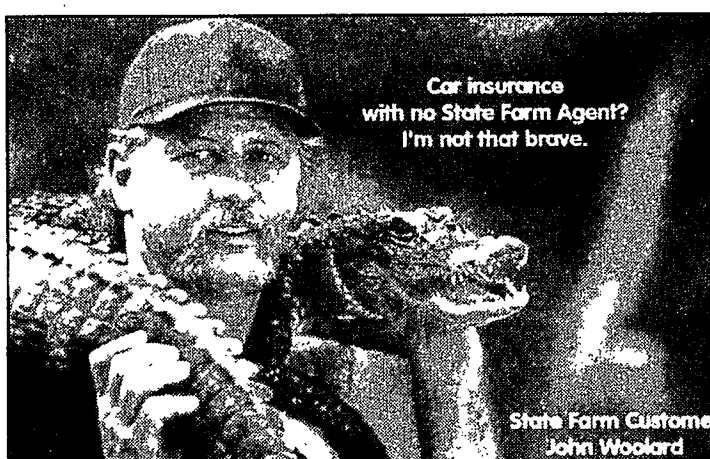
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Courses include pre-calculus, mathematics, physics, human anatomy and physiology, marine biology, geography, world history, art appreciation, creative writing, technical writing, Southern writers and literature, psychology, personal finance, business law and forensic science.

For applications or additional information, contact the Frances A. Karnes Center for Gifted Studies, the University of Southern Mississippi, Box 8207, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-8207, e-mail gifted.studies@usm.edu or call (601) 266-5236 or (601) 266-5246.

Alford receives degree

Emily Kate Alford of Bay St. Louis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Alford, recently received a bachelor of science degree in commerce and business administration, with distinction, from the University of Alabama.

Commencement exercises took place Dec. 17, 2001, in Tuscaloosa.

Alford will attend The New England School of Law in Boston, Mass. in the Fall of 2002.

OLA Pepsi Students



Our Lady Academy announces the Pepsi Students of the Month for December. They are, from left, Christine Bratton, freshman; Katie Balentine, eighth grade; Chantel Normand, senior; Candy Mixon, sophomore; Laurie Ladner, junior; and Leah Tucker, seventh grade.

USM announces sessions for new student prospects

Prospective University of Southern Mississippi freshmen need to keep an eye on their mailboxes next month.

That's when they will be getting word about when they can register for the Fall 2002 semester.

The USM Office of the Freshman Year Experience will send out notices to incoming students about the six Preview 2002 sessions set for the summer.

Students may then make reservations to attend the session of their choice.

"It is on a first-come, first-served basis," said Christy Sanders, director of the Office of the Freshman Year Experience. "They need to get (their reservations) in quickly if they want an early session."

The sessions, which give freshmen a chance to register for classes, are scheduled for:

- Tuesday, June 18
- Thursday, June 20
- Tuesday, June 25
- Thursday, June 27
- Tuesday, July 9
- Saturday, July 13

Premier Weekend, a two-day orientation for freshmen that includes tradition-building events, is set for Aug. 15-18.

"Not all the events have been set, but we will have the painting of Eagle Walk, and learning the fight song and cheers," Sanders said.

There will also be a freshman reading project, Mitch Wilbon's "Tuesdays with Morrie," she said.

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159 Houses For Sale

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IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF HANCOCK COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RICHARD BRADLEY MITCHELL DECEASED
SCARLETT ALYDIA MITCHELL ADMINISTRATRIX
VERSUS
ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF RICHARD BRADLEY MITCHELL DECEASED
CIVIL ACTION NO. 200022
SUMMONS

THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
TO ANY AND ALL UNKNOWN HEIRS-AT-LAW OF RICHARD BRADLEY MITCHELL DECEASED WHOSE NAMES POST OFFICE ADDRESSES AND STREET ADDRESSES ARE UNKNOWN AFTER DILIGENT SEARCH AND INQUIRY TO ASCERTAIN THE SAME
You have been made a defendant in a suit filed in this Court by Scarlett Alydia Mitchell, Petitioner, seeking determination of the estate of Richard Bradley Mitchell Deceased.
You are summoned to appear and defend against the Petition filed against you in this action at 9:00 a.m. on the 3rd day of April A.D. 2002, in a courtroom of the Hancock County, Chancery Court in the Hancock County Courthouse, Court Building, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear and defend, a judgment will be entered against you for the money and other things demanded in the Petition.
You are not required to file an answer to this pleading but you may do so if you desire as such ISSUED under my hand and seal of said Court on the 26 day of February A.D. 2002.

(Seal)
TIMOTHY A. KELLAR
CHANCERY CLERK
Bay, P.O. Box 100
P.O. Box 100 Bay St. Louis, MS 39520

NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS the United States of America acting by and through the United States Department of Agriculture is the owner and holder of the following real estate described as follows: the said real estate therein mentioned and covering certain real estate hereinafter described located in Hancock County, Mississippi, and the said real estate being duly recorded in the records of the Chancery Clerk in and for said County, and State GRANTORS Larry D. Carter

DATE EXECUTED August 16, 1991
TRUST DEED BOOK 332, PAGE 12
WHEREAS default has occurred in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust and the United States of America as Beneficiary has authorized and instructed the said trustee to foreclose said deed of trust by advertisement and sale at public auction in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor.

THEREFORE notice is hereby given that pursuant to the power of sale contained in said deed of trust and in accordance with the statutes made and provided therefor, the said deed of trust will be foreclosed and the property covered thereby and hereinafter described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the North front door of the County Court house in the city of Bay St. Louis, Mississippi, in the aforesaid County and will sell within legal hours, being between the hours of 11:00 AM and 4:00 PM on April 1, 2002, to satisfy the indebtedness now due under and secured by said deed of trust.
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substituted Trustee.
The premises to be sold are described as: Lots 94 and 99, TANNERET'S SUBDIVISION, of Lot No. 22 of the Second and Third Town of Waveland Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision made by Neil Wright and dated January 31, 1895 and recorded in Book S, pages 21-22, Deed Records of Hancock County, Mississippi, and on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, March 7, 2002.
Date

Carol M. Cowart
Substituted Trustee
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The following property will be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on April 1, 2002, commencing at 1:00 p.m.
310 Perrone Street, Waveland, MS. (5 bedroom, 2 baths, 1512 sq. ft dwelling)
The sale will be held at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.
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The following property will be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on March 18, 2002, commencing at 1:30 p.m.
815 St. Joseph Street, Waveland, MS. (3 bedroom, 1 bath, 1452 sq. ft dwelling)
The sale will be held at the North front door of the Hancock County Courthouse in the City of Bay St. Louis, MS. For complete legal description and details of the sale, please refer to the legal section of this newspaper.
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The following property will be sold for cash at public auction to the highest bidder on March 18, 2002, commencing at 1:00 p.m.
238 Gulfside Street, Waveland, MS. (2 bedroom, 1 bath, 861 sq. ft dwelling, with 276 sq. ft. carport)
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the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 5th day of April, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 17 and 18, Square 815, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 8, Addition No. 3, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on the 8th day of March, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
Foreclosure Department
POST OFFICE BOX 400
BRANDON, MISSISSIPPI 39043 (601) 825-9609
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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on October 28, 1998, Steve William Metzger and Sherril Lynn Metzger, Husband and Wife, executed a certain deed of trust to Ronald Andrew Marion, Jr., Trustee for the benefit of Mortgage Investors Corporation, which deed of trust is of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, State of Mississippi in Book 531, Page 497, and re-recorded in Book 535, Page 472, and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was subsequently assigned to Mortgage Electronics Registration Systems, Inc. by instrument dated March 23, 2002 and recorded in Book 530 at Page 518 and by Assignment acknowledged June 8, 2001 and recorded in Book 643 at Page 277 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mortgage Electronics Registration Systems, Inc. has heretofore substituted J. Gary Massey as Trustee by instrument dated July 10, 2001 and recorded in the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office in Book 643 at Page 279; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the secured property was released from said Deed of Trust by Partial Release dated February 8, 2002 and recorded in Book 678 at Page 319 of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's Office; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said deed of trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared to be due and payable in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust, Mortgage Electronics Registration Systems, Inc., the legal holder of said indebtedness, having requested the undersigned Substituted Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said deed of trust and for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder, together with attorney's fees, trustee's fees and expense of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, J. Gary Massey, Substituted Trustee in said deed of trust, will on March 25, 2002 offer for sale at public outcry and sell at legal hours (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.), at the Main door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, located at Bay Saint Louis, Mississippi, to the highest and best bidder for cash the following described property situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Commencing at the Southeast corner of the 1/2 of Lot 7, Section 9, Township 8 South, Range 14 West, Hancock County, Mississippi, thence West along the South line of the North 1/2 of Lot 7 a distance of 80.0 feet to a point, thence North 55 degrees East 122.25 feet to the place of beginning, thence South 88 degrees 50 minutes West 75.3 feet to a point on the East margin of Harney Lane, thence North 05 degrees East 100.0 feet to the place of beginning, thence East along the South margin of Old Spanish Trail, thence North 88 degrees 50 minutes 00 degrees East along the South margin of road 75.30 feet to the place of beginning, thence South 05 degrees West 160.00 feet to the place of beginning, Containing in all 11.998 square feet, more or less, and being a part of the North 1/2 of Section 34, Township 8 South, Range 14 West.

I WILL CONVEY only such title as vested in me as Substituted Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE on February 21, 2002.

J. Gary Massey
SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE

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1910 Lakeland Drive, Suite B
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TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on May 15, 2000, Rick D. Palmquist and Spouse Cheryl Ann Palmquist, executed a Deed of Trust to Lem Adams III, Trustee for the use and benefit of Option One Mortgage Corporation, which Deed of Trust is on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Deed of Trust Book 531 at Page 415 thereof; and

WHEREAS, said Deed of Trust was ultimately assigned to First Union National Bank, as trustee of the Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust, Series 2000-BCC, by assignment on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, in Book 634 at Page 172 thereof; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the performance of the conditions and stipulations as set forth by said Deed of Trust, and having been requested by the legal holder of the indebtedness secured and described by said Deed of Trust so to do, notice is hereby given that I, Lem Adams, III, Trustee by virtue of the authority conferred upon me in said Deed of Trust, will offer for sale and will sell at public sale and outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, during the legal hours (between the hours of 11 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m.) at the North front door of the County Courthouse of Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 22nd day of March, 2002, the following described land and property being the same land and property described in said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 19, Square 314, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVISION, UNIT 3, as per the official map or plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, page 57 in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good, but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on this the 22nd day of February, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
TRUSTEE

PREPARED BY: ADAMS & EDENS
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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE OF LAND
WHEREAS, Vernon C. Ramond and Roslyn M. Ramond, executed that certain Deed of Trust to Donnie D. Riley, Trustee for the use and benefit of C & J, Inc., dated April 6, 2001 and filed for record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi on April 18, 2001 and recorded in Deed of Trust Book 628 at Page 208; and

WHEREAS, default having been made in the terms and conditions of said Deed of Trust and the entire debt secured thereby having been declared due and payable in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust, and the legal holder of said indebtedness, C & J, Inc., having requested the undersigned Trustee to execute the trust and sell said land and property in accordance with the terms of said Deed of Trust for the purpose of raising the sums due thereunder together with attorney's fees and expenses of sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, the undersigned Trustee, pursuant to the authority and the request so made, does hereby give notice that he will sell during the legal hours, (between the hours of 11:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.) on the 29th day of March, 2002, at the main front door of the Hancock County Courthouse, Bay St. Louis, Mississippi for cash to the highest and best bidder, the following described land and property located in the County of Hancock, State of Mississippi, and being more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Lots 25 through 28, inclusive, Square 222, Unit 3, Bayshore Park, a subdivision according to the official map or plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Such sale will be held without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession, encumbrances or otherwise, and I, the undersigned Trustee, will convey only such title as is vested in me as Trustee.

WITNESS MY SIGNATURE, this the 1st day of March, 2002.

Donnie D. Riley, Trustee
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the said Deed of Trust, situated in Hancock County, State of Mississippi, to-wit:

Lot 17 and 18, Square 815, Shoreline Park Subdivision, Unit No. 8, Addition No. 3, Hancock County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivision of record in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi.

Title to the above described property is believed to be good but I will convey only such title as is vested in me as Substitute Trustee.

WITNESS my signature, on the 8th day of March, 2002.

LEM ADAMS, III
SUBSTITUTE TRUSTEE
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SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S NOTICE OF SALE
WHEREAS, on March 21, 1998, Louis, Shannan VICTORIA RUNNELS and THOMAS R. RUNNELS executed a Deed of Trust to Lyle M. Page, Trustee, for the benefit of The People Bank, Biloxi, Mississippi, which Deed of Trust is recorded in Deed of Trust Book 206 at Pages 759 et seq. of the Records of Mortgages and Deeds of Trust in the office of the Chancery Clerk of the

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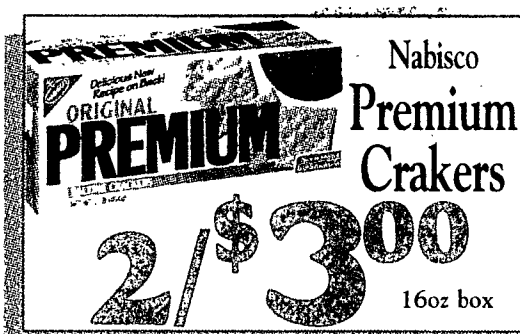


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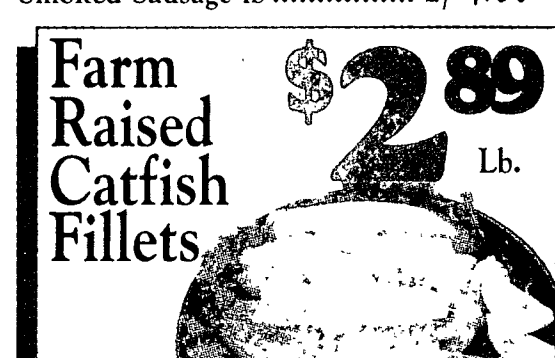


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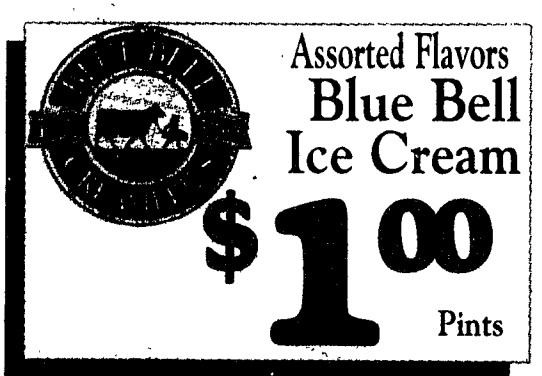
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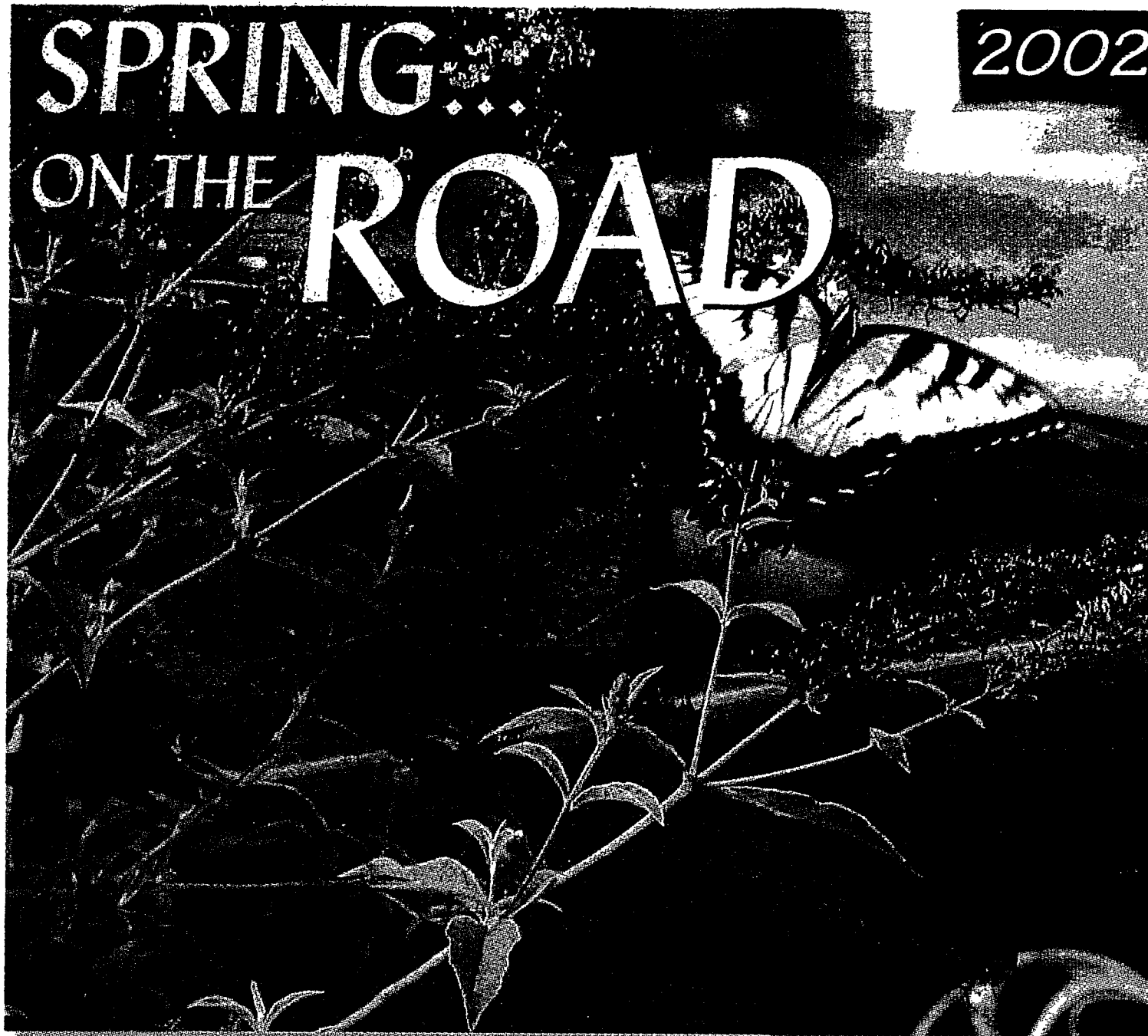
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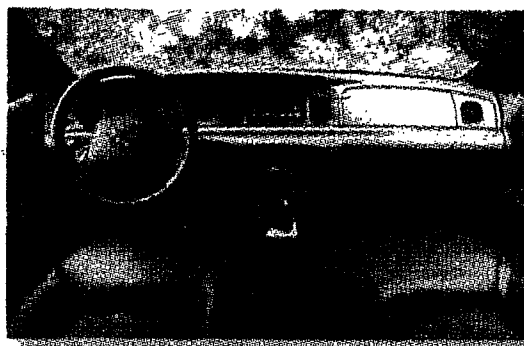
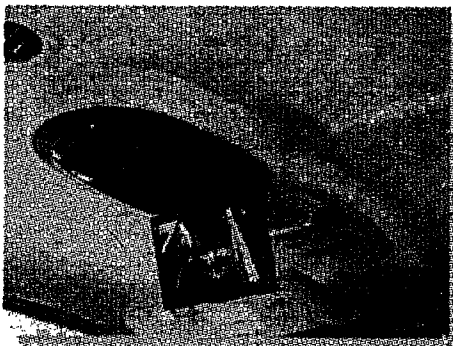
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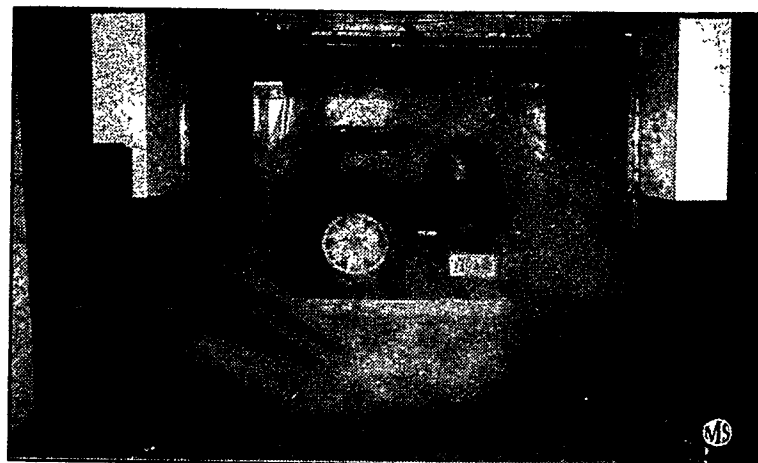
(MS) — Now that winter is over, thoughts of fitting into your swimsuit and spring-cleaning come to mind. Why not also tack onto that list some spring cleaning for your car as well ... at a professional car wash? With all the snow, freezing rain and road salt from the last few months, winter has produced some harmful conditions that could affect your car's finish, wheels and overall appearance. And, with the arrival of warm weather, there are a host of new challenges with which to contend.

WARMER CLIMATE HAZARDS

Just as road salt in the

winter eats at cars, during warmer weather acid rain, falling leaves, dead insects and other airborne debris can also erode auto finishes.

"Acid rain damage can penetrate and etch clear coat finishes, whose protective qualities will then eventually corrode, exposing the paint to many harmful, corrosive elements," explains Mark Thorsby, Executive Director of the International Carwash Association (ICA). "A car with bad acid rain damage could be devalued by up to \$1,000 at trade-in or resale time." ICA is a non-profit trade organization representing more than 3,000 car wash owners who operate 12,000 individ-



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The best prevention is to keep your car clean by frequenting a professional car wash every ten days and especially immediately following a rainfall. At the car wash, have them apply a polymer-based or similar protective high-gloss wax to further protect the car's finish from such hazards as decaying bugs, bird droppings, tar oil and tree-sap.

GET RID OF THAT MUD

Mud seems to follow hand-in-hand with all the

rain spring and summer bring. The overabundance of mud can cause major damage to your vehicle's finish. Clearing out mud from the undercarriage of your car can protect it from rust and body rot around the wheels and door sills. Car washes offer rust inhibitor treatments to remove caked-on mud from your undercarriage, which holds moisture to metal and causes damage, to further protect your car against rust and corrosion from the inside out.

RETAIN YOUR CAR'S VALUE AND APPEAR- ANCE

There are many other reasons to also regularly professionally clean your vehicle besides weather-related hazards. According to the ICA, regular professional washing and waxing will help maintain your car's appearance as well as retain the value of your car.

"Most car owners understand the value of changing motor oil regularly to protect the engine, but if they forget and instead choose to replace the engine, the car could still be as good as new," Thorsby says. "However, a car with oxidized paint and a rusted-out body can never be economically restored. The best prevention is regular washing and waxing at a professional car wash."

Car washes offer simple to extensive operations to suit your needs. For starters, try an exterior-only tunnel wash to auto-

matically provide applied protective waxes, undercarriage treatment and self-serve vacuums. Also consider detailing or custom polishing while at the wash for more extensive procedures. By applying a premium polish and buffing it, you can restore the shine of your car. On the detail side, you can vacuum everything from under the rugs to the trunk, or have the air conditioner vents swabbed.

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Not only does regular professional car washing help you retain the value of your vehicle, it is also more beneficial to the environment than driveway washing.

"Professional car washes are gentler to auto finishes than the hose-and-bucket method, and the cleaning solutions we use are specially formulated for clearcoat and other new car finishes," Thorsby says. "Most car owners are surprised to learn that the sponges they use when washing their cars in the driveway hold sand and scratch the car's surface, while the cleaning material we use literally slips out of your fingers when wet."

Thorsby further explains, "And, as an added benefit to the environment, professional car washes use biodegradable cleaning solutions, far less water that do-it-yourselfers and dispose of the waste water according to strict federal and state environmental regulations. On the other hand, waste water run-off from driveway washing flows directly into storm sewers, which take it to lakes and streams, where it can harm fish and wildlife."

Environmental authorities in Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania are now strongly discouraging the practice of driveway washing. Particular attention is being focused on charity car washes held in parking lots and school yards where

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THE INCONVENIENCE of a cooling system failure will abruptly change your motoring vacation itinerary. The Gates Rubber Company suggests an engine tune-up, and a complete cooling system inspection before the summer driving season. Ask your service technician to check for the proper amount of liquid coolant and to replace any engine hoses that are four years old.

Take stress off your car's coolant system

(MS) — The automotive cooling system works hard year-round. However, during the summer months, when many car owners take a driving vacation to relax, it can get stressed out.

The system is subjected to the strains of extra baggage, long hours, highway speeds, stop-and-go city driving, and possibly mountainous excursions.

To relieve stress and strain on the cooling system, Gates Rubber Company engineers recommend that motorists perform three simple checks before packing the family car.

CHECK THE COOLANT LEVEL

First, check the level of coolant in the see-through plastic recovery tank located in the engine compartment. There are two lines marked on the tank. The top line is typically marked "full hot" or "maximum." The bottom line indicates "full cold" or "minimum."

If you see that the coolant level is below the appropriate line when the

engine is hot or cold, add equal amounts of water and the recommended type of antifreeze to the recovery tank to bring the coolant up to the proper level.

A cooling system that circulates the required amount of coolant will help the engine run efficiently and absorb excess heat. If the coolant level is low after repeated fillings, have a service technician inspect the entire system for leaks.

CHECK THE COOLANT HOSES

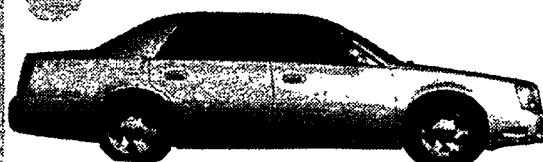
Second, check the hoses that circulate the liquid coolant to and from the engine.

Gates engineers say the best way to check coolant hoses for potential failure is to squeeze them near the clamps or connectors when the engine is cool. Use your fingers and thumb to check for weaknesses, not the whole hand. Failure from electrochemical degradations (ECD) occurs within two inches of the ends of the hose, not in the middle.

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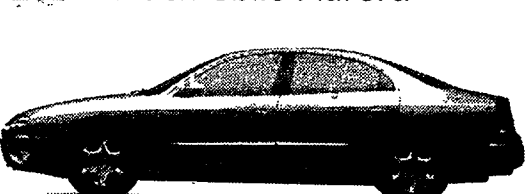


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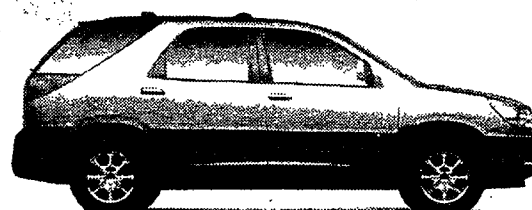
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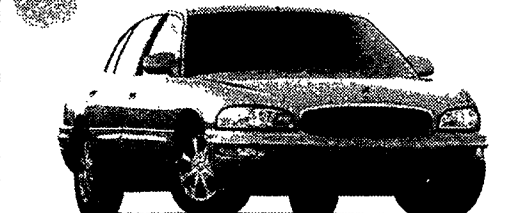
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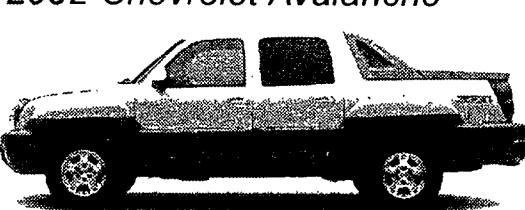
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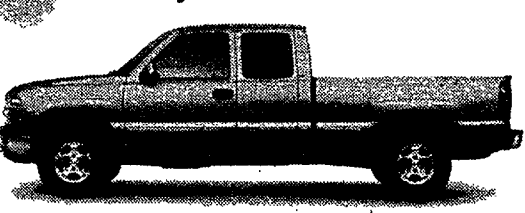
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Safety tips for highways & urban areas

Few people think about getting into an accident when they sit behind the wheel.

After all, if you stopped to worry about every possible scenario, you might not make it out of the driveway. Yet, there are certain safety precautions that every driver should be aware of, especially when traveling on bustling city streets or busy highways.

BE AWARE OF LARGER VEHICLES

When driving on the highway you are at a serious disadvantage if involved in a crash with a larger vehicle. In order to keep you and your family safe when driving around

trucks, you should be extra cautious. Here are a few ways to minimize injuries according to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration:

- Cutting in front can cut your life short — If you cut in front of another vehicle, you may create an emergency-braking situation for the vehicles around you, especially in heavy traffic. Trucks and buses take much longer to stop in comparison to cars. If you force a larger vehicle to stop quickly this could cause a serious, even fatal accident.

- Watch your blind spots — Large trucks have blind spots, or "No-Zones," around the front, back and sides of the truck. A truck



HIGHWAYS AND CITY STREETS require especially attentive and cautious driving.

could even turn into you, because these areas make it difficult for the driver to see. So, don't hang out in the "No-Zones," and remember, if you can't see the driver in the truck's mirror, then he or she probably can't see you.

- Avoid squeeze play — Be careful of trucks and buses making wide right turns. If you try to get in between the truck and the curb, you'll be caught in a "squeeze" and can cause a

serious accident. Truck drivers sometimes need to swing wide to the left in order to safely negotiate at right turn, especially in urban areas. They can't see cars directly behind or beside them. Pay attention to truck signals and give them lots of room to maneuver.

ON CITY STREETS

City driving requires a completely different style of defensive driving than highway driving. More street signs, narrower roads and a greater concentration of people require a driver to always be aware of

the surroundings.

- Be an attentive driver — Inattentive drivers can be very dangerous when they drive slowly or ignore signals and create an emergency-braking situation. Young children running into the street, lights from stores along city roads and a host of other distractions could catch a driver's attention. When you are driving, focus only on the road.

- Avoid aggressive drivers — These people put themselves and others at risk with their driving style. Speeding, running red lights and stop signs, and pulling out of parking spots quickly or in front of buses can create dangerous situations. It may also lead to road rage for the aggressive driver or for others sharing the road.

USE COMMON SENSE

On all roads across the country remember to drive safely and courteously. Always buckle your seat belt — your best protection in the case of a crash. And never drink and drive. Alcohol affects a person's ability to make crucial driving decisions, like braking, steering or changing lanes.

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Easy Pointers for Avoiding Road Rage

Traveling on the country's roads can sometimes be challenging. It can be difficult to deal with other drivers who have their own definitions of sharing the road. But there's no need to bow out of the race or get tempers flaring; by being courteous you can avoid road rage and turn your road trips into pleasant experiences.

While all drivers are human and thus subject to the same emotions, no one has to give in to road rage. Here are a few ways to curb aggression on the road,

courtesy of www.alllands.com:

- Let bygones be bygones. If someone is changing lanes and cuts you off, that's an indication that the person may be prone to more aggressive driving behavior. Your best bet is to let the person have plenty of room. Use extra caution when shifting lanes by properly using your turning signals.

- Back off. If you are driving slowly in the left-hand lane, be polite and

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Safety pointers every parent – and driver – should know by heart

So you've decided to have a baby. Congratulations! Just as much as your home life will change with the addition of this new bundle of joy, so should your driving habits and the safety precautions you take.

Children have individual needs at specific ages, therefore it is important to be readily aware of these needs even before your son or daughter arrives. Though this information is widely available and often discussed, it can sometimes be confusing or overwhelming for a new parent, or any driver for that matter. For clarity and safety's sake, here are some pointers, courtesy of www.parentsplace.com.

- Before your baby is born, purchase a car safety seat that fits securely into your car and is convenient to operate. Your baby needs to be well-protected right from the start. It is critical that the restraint be not only well-secured with a seat belt, but that your child is securely buckled in.

- In the early weeks, when your baby might not have good head control, it is helpful to use a head support intended for car seat use or roll up a baby blanket to place around your baby's head to steady it. Otherwise, his or her head will have a tendency to flop from side to side.

- Never place your infant in the front passenger seat. This is especially important

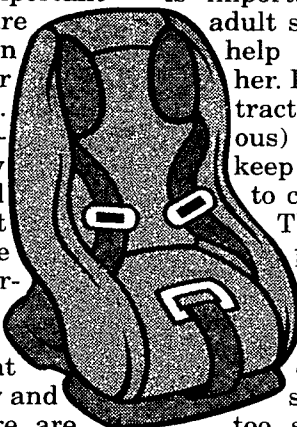
if your car has a passenger-side air bag. If the air bag deploys in the event of a crash, the force and rapid expansion could kill or injure a child, even when he or she is safely secured in a car seat.

- If your baby is sick or needs constant attention, it is important to have an adult sit in the back to help care for him or her. It can be very distracting (and dangerous) for the driver to keep turning around to care for the baby.

The rear-facing position is the most protective. It is important not to move your child into a full-size safety seat too soon. Your baby should weigh at least 20 pounds AND be one-year-old. If your child is very large, but still well under a year of age, it is still very important for him or her to be placed in a rear-facing seat while riding in the car.

- Some rear-facing car seats have an upper weight limit from 22 to 25 pounds. Some of the newer seats accommodate children up to 30 pounds or even more. Each seat should have a fact sheet so read carefully before selecting a car seat for your child.

- As much as you might be tempted to hold your new little one in your arms, it just isn't the time or place for cuddling. Make it a rule, right from the start, to have everyone in the car securely belted-in for each and every trip.



Did You Know?

With fluctuating gas prices and lines at the pump ever increasing (despite their best efforts to speed your way through), wouldn't it be nice if you could catch a little break the next time you need to make a fuel stop? Well, here's a hint to save you some time, according to "The Consumer Bible: 1001 Ways to Shop Smart" (Workman), by Mark Green with Nancy Youman. Tuesday is the best day to fill up your gas tank. "With the weekend long gone and the work week already revved up, business is slower at service stations. You might even get the windows washed."

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Getting the most out of your vehicle's safety system

If you've been involved in an accident in which one or more of your vehicle's airbags deployed, you probably appreciate more than most people the added safety and protection these seemingly simple devices offer. In fact, you may be one of the more than 5,000 people whose lives, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA), have been saved because of vehicle airbags.

But airbags won't effectively do their job of pro-

tecting you and other occupants in your vehicle unless you do your part before — and, just as importantly, after — you're in an accident that triggers airbag deployment. Here are some tips to help you get the most protection from your vehicle's safety systems.

- Check the owner's manual for your vehicle to make sure you understand what the airbag light on the instrument panel is telling you. Generally, if the airbag light is ON (other than briefly when you first start

the vehicle), there's a problem with the system that should be checked right away.

- Although 1998 and newer vehicles have redesigned airbags that reduce the chance of injuries from airbag deployment, it is always best not to sit too close to an airbag. Drivers should move their seat rearward as far as they can without impeding their ability to see the road ahead and to reach the steering wheel and pedals. (Try to ensure there is at

least 10 inches between the steering wheel and the driver's chest.) Don't lean forward as you drive. If your vehicle has a tilt steering wheel, tilt it downward so the airbag will deploy toward the driver's chest, not the head.

- All 1998 and newer cars (and 1999 or newer light trucks) also have passenger-side airbags. All front-seat passengers — not just those who are shorter or elderly — should also move their seat as far rearward as possible to maximize the distance between their chest and the instrument panel to give the airbag room to deploy safely.

- NHTSA recommends placing all children 12 and under in the rear seat. It's the safest place for children in vehicles with or without airbags. Never place a child in a safety seat in the front seat of a vehicle with a passenger-side airbag.

- A deployed airbag cannot be "repacked." In fact, the bag and many of the system's parts are not "repairable." They must be

replaced. The parts are designed for each specific vehicle. For the system to function correctly in another collision, the proper parts must be purchased and installed by a qualified technician.

- Airbags won't protect you as well if you're not also wearing a seat belt. They work together as a system. Some vehicle seat belts have a device that automatically tightens the seat belt in the event of a crash; as with an airbag, once it deploys, it must be replaced.

Also, in severe crashes, the webbing fabric of the seat belt may become stretched, which could affect its restraining ability in a subsequent collision. Ask to have your seat belts checked after an accident.

In choosing a repair facility, look for evidence that their technicians have been properly trained. Many insurance companies and repair facility associations recommend you look for a business that has earned the I-CAR® Gold Class Professionals® designation.

BBB issues tips on how you can avoid used car fraud

The price of new cars has climbed steadily over the past few years, making used cars more attractive than ever. Buying a used car is a great way to stretch your dollars, but you should learn the facts about the car before you shop.

With the recent surge in the used car market, the Better Business Bureau of Mississippi warns consumers that there are scam artists out there who will take advantage of unsuspecting buyers.

The BBB offers the following advice to avoid becoming a victim of used car fraud:

Be aware of odometer tampering. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) reports that consumers lose

billions of dollars a year to odometer fraud.

Odometer readings may be rolled back or documents can be forged. Making miles disappear helps increase the car's value to the seller, but can mean increased maintenance and repair costs to the buyer.

Before deciding on a used car, do the math. Industry standards claim the average vehicle accumulates about 12,000 miles per year. If the mileage seems excessively high or low in comparison, find out why. Ask the seller if you can see the maintenance records and compare them with the mileage on the odometer itself.

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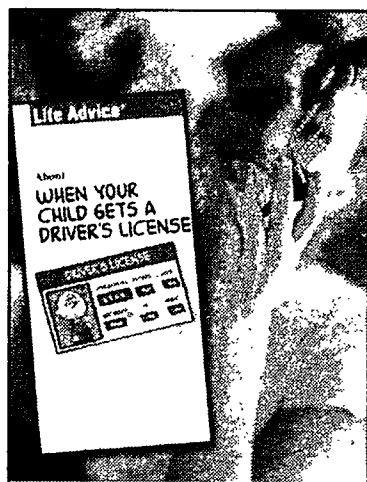
You made it through the first day of school, sports practices, braces and the pressures of puberty, but how will you survive one of the toughest challenges your family has yet to face — your son or daughter behind the wheel of a car?

A driver's license offers teen-agers a unique sense of freedom and independence — and don't they know it. Yet, once the license is issued, how can you learn to encourage safe driving habits and trust your teen without seeming like a prison warden? With patience, understanding and some help from MetLife Consumer Education Center's brochure, "When Your Child Gets a Driver's License."

A new driver not only can put emotional stress on a family, he or she can affect the household budget as well. Insist that your child understand that driving is not just a joy ride.

INFORMATION FIRST

Information is your teen's best bet early on. Don't let him or her just hit the road — set some ground rules first:



YOUR CHILD has a driver's license. Make sure you are ready for the changes in store.

- Insist that your child always wear a seat belt — as the driver or a passenger.
- Encourage defensive driving, which involves observing speed limits, allowing adequate distance from other vehicles and slowing down during adverse weather conditions.
- Be sure your teen knows and understands the traffic laws in your area. Explain how violating these laws is dangerous and drives up insurance rates.

MECHANICS OF DRIVING

A license does not guarantee that your teen is a "driver." Only practice can help him or her earn that status.

- Encourage your teen to enroll in a driver's education course.
- Make sure he or she knows what to do in the event of an accident.
- Teach the mechanics of a car and proper maintenance.
- Remember that your novice driver can benefit from supervised driving practice.

Keep in mind that motor vehicle accidents are the leading cause of death among young persons. Speeding is often involved.

For more information on teen-age drivers, call (800) 638-5433 for your free copy of "When Your Child Gets a Driver's License." Made available as a public service, the brochure is part of MetLife Consumer Education Center's Life Advice program, created to help people better manage the major events in their lives.

Driving tips every teen should heed

You've passed the test, your license has been issued and you're ready to enter the roadways. After all, once you have that laminated plastic card you're a driver, right?

Actually, a driver's license should really be called an "operator's license," because up to this point you really only know how to perform the basic functions of operating the car, but you need to get some first-hand experience under your belt. Here are some informative tips from www.teendriving.com especially designed for teens by a teen-ager who knows firsthand what new drivers should look for.

SCHOOL DAZE

You may think it's the

ideal time to goof off with friends and show off your new set of wheels, but you should be extra cautious when driving around school grounds.

- Get to school five to ten minutes early and leave five minutes late to avoid the mad dash into and out of the parking lots. Many accidents happen when kids are rushing to and from classes.

- If your school lot has perpendicular spaces (not angle parking), park in a space you can pull straight out of instead of having to back out. Backing out in crowded lots is tricky. However, in some states, pulling straight through a parking space is illegal — so check your local traffic laws before using this tip.

- Always stop for school buses with flashing lights. The flashing lights mean that students are either getting on or off the bus, and they may be crossing the street. Their safety depends on cars obeying this law.

OUT AND ABOUT

Here are some safety precautions for driving around town.

- Avoid making left-hand turns across busy intersections that don't have turn signals. It takes a while to learn how to gauge the oncoming traffic.

- Don't make assumptions about what other drivers are going to do.

- Watch out for aggres-

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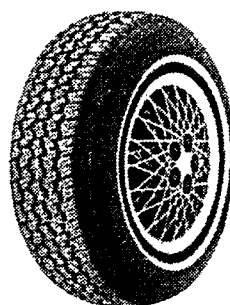
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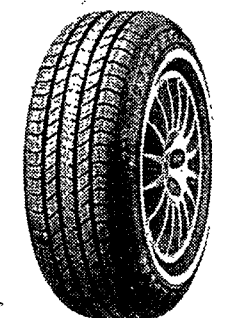
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Over the river and through the woods ...

(MS) — They're rugged, imposing, invincible ... well at least that's what the commercials say. It seems, however, that the message is definitely reaching and affecting consumers. The sport utility vehicle (SUV) craze has undeniably taken hold in this country and around the world. They make us feel rugged, imposing, invincible and we like it that way.

What sleek and speedy sports cars did for 1970s and 1980s teen-agers, SUVs are doing for the same individuals who are now just a bit older and more sophisticated. Now they're looking for a vehicle that will give them thrills,

yet can also haul the kids to and from school, fit a week's load of groceries and transport that darling sleeper sofa they just have to have. Yet what draws people to these large vehicles, which are often difficult to park, may guzzle gas, and can take a chunk of your paycheck each month?

SPORT UTILITY BEGINNINGS

The concept of the SUV actually originated in the 1930s from the U.S. Army's need of an all-terrain, rugged vehicle that could withstand the rigors of war. Some of the requirements specified were four-wheel

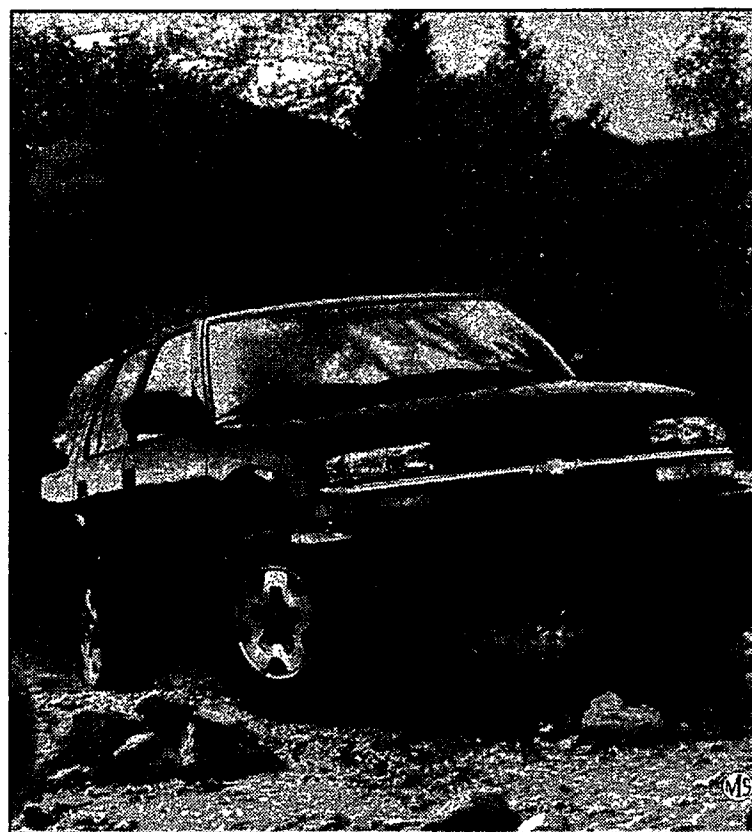
drive, minimum standards for engine power, cross country performance and grade climbing ability.

The first batch of four-wheel drive light military cars was built by the Bantam Car Company of Pennsylvania, USA. The cars were called GPs (General Purpose Vehicles) and came to be known worldwide as "Jeeps." The contract for manufacturing the vehicles, however, was awarded to Willys Overland. By the end of the war 635,000 vehicles were built and the Jeep name was officially registered by Willys. The first civilian jeep (CJ) was built in 1945.

In the 1970s a number of companies introduced smaller versions of four-wheel drive pickups which offered a lot more features than the Jeep, called light trucks. Since the 1980s, that category has grown dramatically to include and mostly be known as SUVs.

ARE THEY SAFE?

While SUVs are very popular, are they generally safe to drive on the country's highways and city streets? According to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, some SUVs do have a propensity to roll over during accidents, which could increase the likelihood of



Sport utility vehicles, like this Chevy Blazer from the Spring 2002 lineup, continue to take the country by storm.

occupant ejection or injury. Yet, as with all driving-related accidents, what the driver does behind the wheel is just as important as the engineering of the vehicle.

MACHO AND RUGGED IMAGE

While it is true that many men are attracted to the SUV for its macho appeal, women too like the

image presented by the SUV. However, just because the vehicle helps you feel invincible, doesn't mean you should drive like you own the road. A vehicle of this stature and weight can do great damage to lighter, smaller cars sharing the roadway.

And remember, no SUV driver is impervious to injury no matter how large the vehicle.

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Timing belt questions & answers

Many times you may not take the necessary precautions to prevent engine wear and tear because you're not familiar with certain items under the hood. A working timing belt is essential for happy motoring.

1. What is a timing belt?

A timing belt is a toothed, flat rubber belt that synchronizes the power-producing internal components of the engine.

2. Where is the belt located? The timing belt is inside the engine. You can't see it when you open the hood. To

find out if your car engine has one, check your owner's manual or ask your service technician. The second choice is your best bet.

3. When should it be replaced?

Depending on the vehicle and the engine, carmakers recommend timing belt replacement every 50,000 to 100,000 miles. To be safe, Gates Rubber Company engineers say the belt should be changed at 60,000 miles.

4. What happens when it breaks?

After four years, the tim-

ing belt could fail whenever the engine is running. The engine and vehicle will stop dead, and you'll need to be towed to a repair shop. Depending on the type of engine, the service could be as simple as installing a new belt, or it could mean replacing the entire engine if valves, pistons, cylinder heads and cylinder walls are damaged. Gates says it is very important to replace the timing belt system (belts, idlers/tensioners) before they break and possibly cause major engine repair.

Learn to choose the right vehicle for you

From grill to spoiler, there are many options, colors, styles and packages for vehicles to fit nearly every driver out there. But how do you decide just what type of automobile is right for you or your family? First, you must learn the statistics of different vehicles and make a list of which features appeal to you most.

TALK ABOUT DRIVE

Cars usually come with three different options: front-wheel drive, rear-wheel drive or all-wheel (four-wheel) drive. Here are their differences:

- **Front-wheel drive** — A vehicle which has most of its weight on the front wheels, usually between 60 and 70 percent, so that it tends to go straight, just like an arrow where the weight is concentrated in the arrowhead. On slippery surfaces, if you give it too much gas in a turn, the front wheels will spin, causing the car to skid straight ahead. Even an inattentive driver will immediately

realize there is a problem and let up on the gas, quickly regaining control. Most modern cars have front-wheel drive.

- **Rear-wheel drive** — Most luxury cars over \$40,000 have rear-wheel drive, as well as all race cars and most performance-oriented sports cars. Rear-wheel drive cars have their weight distributed closer to 50/50 between the front and rear wheels, which is conducive to a smoother, more stable ride. This weight distribution allows the car to have a greater maximum stopping power. However, these types of cars are not as effective under slippery conditions.

- **All-wheel drive** — The best traction in adverse weather conditions can be achieved with all-wheel drive vehicles. These cars handle as well as, if not better than many rear-drive cars and are as safe and predictable during everyday driving conditions as front-wheel drive cars. They may, however be more expensive to purchase and

repair.

AN AUTOMATIC DECISION?

Most cars purchased today are automatic gear shift, however many people prefer standard stick-shift vehicles because they provide a greater sense of control. While it is a matter of personal preference there are some things to consider:

- A standard-shift car will usually have a lower resale value. It is harder to find a buyer for it.

- While most modern automatic transmissions are reliable, if they do break down they could be expensive to repair. On the other hand, clutch replacement on a front-wheel drive car with a stick shift can also be costly.

- All things being equal, a standard shift car driven correctly will get a slightly better gas mileage than an automatic. But if you are a fast driver or are not methodical about shifting at the right time, then a 4-speed automatic will be more efficient.

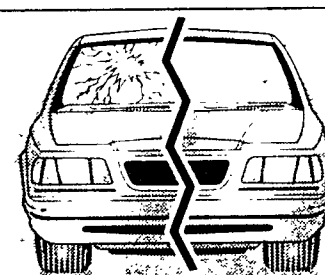
SIZE DOES MATTER

One of your final major decisions is the size of your vehicle. Do you have a large family? Do you haul around a lot of stuff? These are questions you must ponder.

- **Minivans or station wagons** — These vehicles are ideal family cars. They usually seat a large number of people and have plenty of room left over for stuff.

- **Sport-utility vehicles** — Many of these are used for the same purposes as minivans but owners prefer the unique look these rugged vehicles have to offer. They do have some disadvantages, though, including a noisier, harder ride; less interior space than a minivan; and higher ground clearance which makes them harder to climb into.

- **Pickup truck** — A basic pickup truck can cost less than most inexpensive cars. It is very light in the rear without a load and, therefore, may not handle or stop well in adverse weather conditions.



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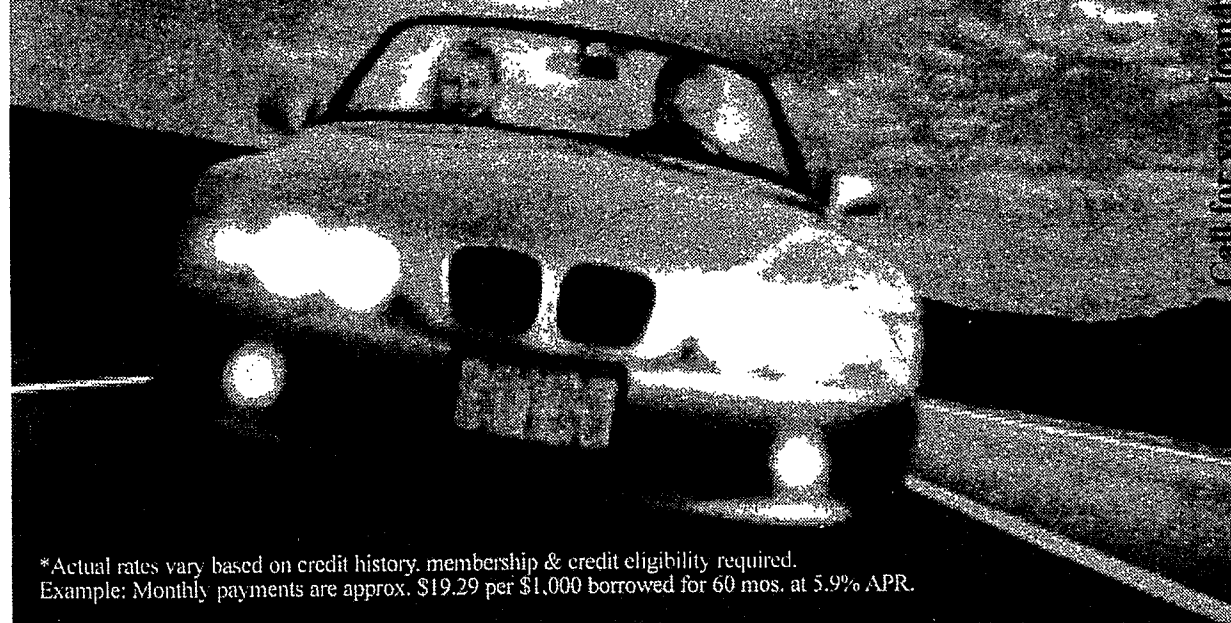
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Explore synthetic motor oils

Spring's arrival brings warmer weather, spring-cleaning and, for motorists, it brings the annual spring oil change. Of the many motor oils on the market, many people prefer synthetic motor oils for the superior year-round protection and engine performance

they deliver.

Synthetic motor oils offer many advantages over conventional motor oils. Even though synthetics have been around for nearly three decades, consumers are only just now becoming aware of these high-tech lubricants.

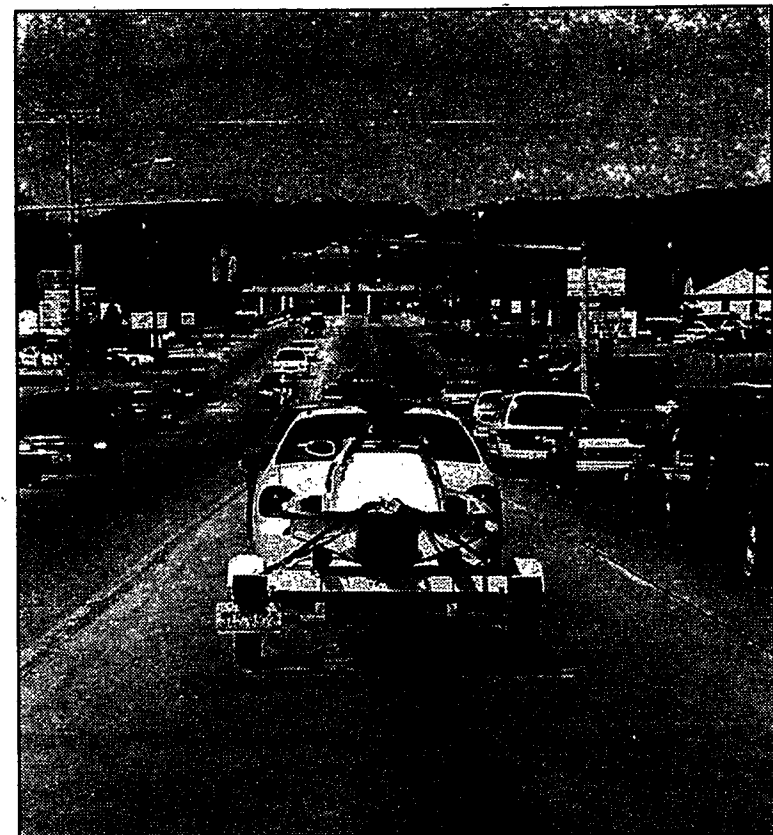
The relationship between friction and engine horsepower is easy to perceive. Reduce friction, and an engine's pistons, gears and power train will operate more efficiently, producing more power. The greater the friction, the greater the dissipation of power. In order to produce an equal amount of power with petroleum, one must expend a greater amount of energy (fuel ignition).

Today, nearly every major oil company has a synthetic motor oil as part of its product offering.

In addition to increased horsepower, synthetic oils enable motorists to save money due to other benefits. An Eaton Truck Components brochure recently highlighted four ways people could save money using synthetic lubricants:

- Save money on lube by changing at less frequent intervals.
- Save money in reduced fuel usage (increased fuel efficiency).
- Save money on reduced downtime.
- Save money on longer-lasting seals.

Numerous tests have demonstrated the increased fuel efficiency of synthetic lubricants. Because they are more resistant to viscosity breakdown, synthetic motor oils last longer. Their thermal stability offers better protection against deposit formation and sludge. Their oxidation resistance and resistance to burn-off results in lower oil consumption.



INVEST IN A TUNE-UP for the family car before you set out on vacation and you'll save money and headaches in the long run.

How much is your family vacation worth?

(MS) — A family of two adults and two children can expect to spend an average of \$223 per day for food and lodging this vacation season.

If it's a trip in the family car, add another \$50 to \$75 for gasoline, and another \$40 for incidentals.

However, for the cost of one vacation day, you can have peace of mind throughout the entire vacation, by having your vehicle serviced before you leave home.

The Gates Rubber

Company estimates that for \$300 to \$350, the average family car could have a tune-up and cooling system flush and fill.

You'll probably be able to replace two or three cooling system hoses, as well. If your car is four years old, the radiator and bypass hoses may be near failure.

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Tips -- for teens

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sive drivers and try to stay out of their way. They are the cause of many accidents, especially on highways.

• Don't cause another car's driver to slam on the brakes by pulling out in front of the car or swerving into another lane.

STORMY WEATHER

Bad weather requires specialized driving techniques.

• Turn your headlights on anytime you need to turn your windshield wipers on. It will increase your visibility and help others see you.

• Double the space you normally leave between you and the next car. It's harder to stop on slick roads.

• Brake gently. Do not pump your brakes if you have ABS (anti-lock braking system).

• Remember to always wear your seat belt, avoid speed excess and don't drive like you own the road. These simple tips can help save your life and others riding along with you.

Fraud -- buying used, wisely

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tale signs. Is wear on the car's pedals, tires and seats consistent with the miles displayed on the odometer?

OBTAIN A DETAILED VEHICLE HISTORY REPORT

If the seller cannot provide this information, you can use the vehicle's 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN) to secure a history from either the state or a private vehicle history company. You can search the web to find companies providing this service by looking under the topic of "vehicle history."

Watch out for damage disclosure, salvage and

You can learn how to combat used car fraud by contacting the Better Business Bureau's Mississippi Hotline at 1-800-987-8280.

rebuilt titles. These titles are issued by states when the car has sustained damage as a result of one or more incidents. Salvage titles are issued by the state when an insurance company takes possession of a vehicle as a result of a claim.

This usually occurs when a vehicle has been declared a total loss. A rebuilt title may be issued if a vehicle sustained damage and was

rebuilt or reconstructed, then placed back on the road. Junk titles are issued when a vehicle is not road worthy and cannot be titled again in that state.

Be careful of individuals selling used cars from a vacant lot or from the side of the curb. These vehicles may be sold by con men posing as private individual sellers. The car can come with hidden problems. Before buying any used car

you should thoroughly research the car and the seller.

The Better Business Bureau has a free brochure available, *Buying a Used Car*, which can help arm you with information and what you should know

before making a purchase. To obtain a copy, or for more information, call the BBB's Mississippi Consumer Hotline at 1-800-987-8280 or log on to the BBB Mississippi's online resource library at www.bbbmississippi.org.

Coolant

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ECD causes micro-cracks in the hose tube, allowing the coolant to attack and weaken the hose reinforcement. Accelerated by high heat and flexing, the hose can develop a pinhole leak or rupture under normal pressure. In most cases, if the hose ends are soft and have a "mushy" feel, the hose is under attack by ECD and it should be replaced immediately.

The upper radiator and bypass hoses are very susceptible to failure from ECD. To be safe, Gates recommends that coolant hoses be replaced every four years.

CHECK THE THERMOSTAT

Third, check the thermostat to ensure that it is properly controlling the coolant flow in and around the engine. Usually mounted on the engine block at a coolant hose connection, an open thermostat sends hot coolant through the upper hose to the radiator where it is cooled before being directed back to the engine. A closed thermostat sends the coolant to the water pump via the bypass system, then back to the engine.

When the thermostat is stuck in the open position, the engine cannot reach its optimum operating temperature because coolant immediately flows to the radiator. If the thermostat

is stuck closed, coolant is prevented from reaching the radiator, causing the engine to overheat. Overheating is especially damaging to the engine.

Gates engineers recommend a routine inspection of the cooling system's thermostat, along with the belts and hoses, at least every six months.

The most common method for checking the thermostat is to allow the engine to run for 15 minutes. Then, feel the upper radiator hose with a gloved hand. If the hose does not feel warm, it means the thermostat is not opening as it should and it should be replaced immediately by a service technician.

Summer

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potentially damaging waste water isn't usually disposed of properly.

RAINY DAY TIP:

(MS) — If your windshield wipers tend to smear rather than clear, heed the advice offered by the International Car Wash Association (ICA). Professional car washers and technicians know that wipers build up a thin layer of grime — especially after

a dry spell. That grime keeps the rubber blade from contacting the glass, which results in smeared windshields and poor visibility.

ICA recommends the following solution: Keep blades clean by wiping them with a paper towel or cloth moistened with rubbing alcohol; even water will do if alcohol is not available. If the wipers are hard to reach when at rest, turn the engine on, activate

the wipers, then turn off the ignition; the blades will stop mid-windshield where you can reach them. If you are caught in a rainstorm, pull off to a safe spot before attempting this quick fix. Best results are achieved when you replace wipers every four to six months. To locate a professional car wash near you visit www.carwashes.com.

Rage

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move over into the right-hand lane in order for the person behind you to pass. Conversely, if stuck behind someone driving slower than you are, relax, slow down, and wait for an opportunity to pass.

• Keep your hands to yourself. If you want to avoid road rage, don't use obscene gestures, shake your fist or point angrily at "offending drivers" on the road. However, this doesn't

mean you should feel free to shout at, criticize or insult other drivers instead. Any or all of the above can result in an angry response from the other driver.

• The long arm of the law. Another thing to consider is the legal ramifications of road rage. Many state and local officials actually patrol the roads on the lookout for aggressive drivers.



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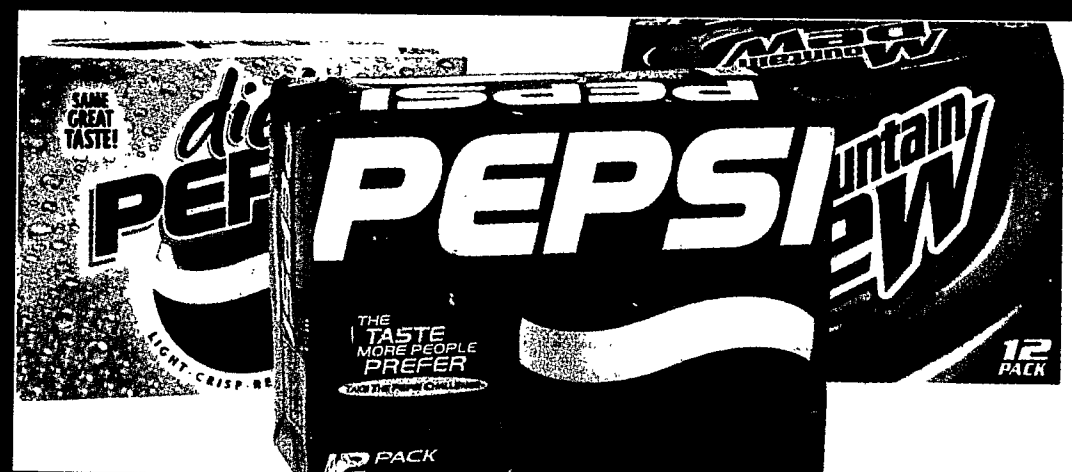
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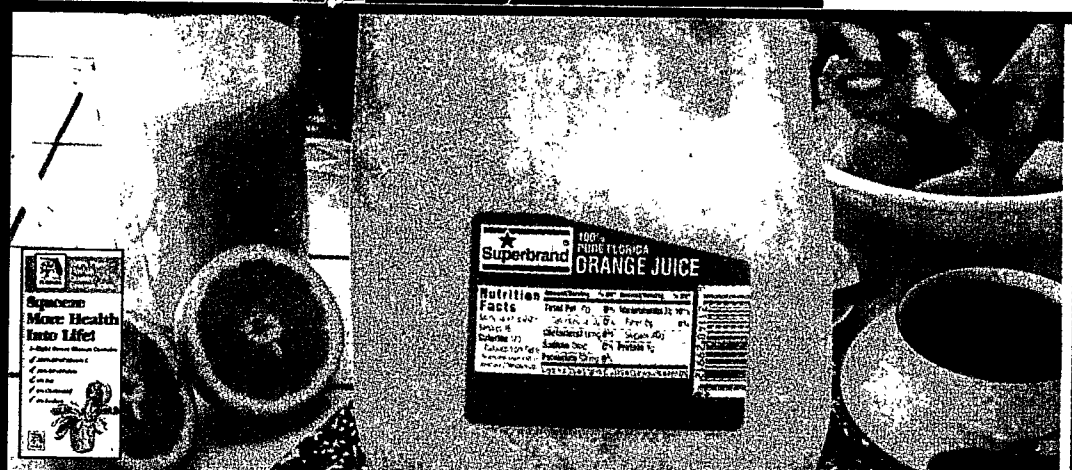
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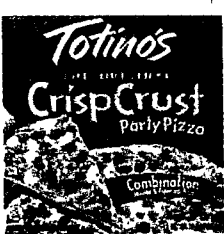
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Frozen Bagels **88¢** ea.



32 oz. • Tater Tots,
Crinkle Cut or
Ore-Ida
Golden Fries

2 for \$4

16 oz.
Thrifty Maid
Vegetables **\$1.19** ea.

13.2 oz.
Winn-Dixie
Rice Bowls **\$2.39** ea.



8 oz.
Superbrand
Super Whip
Whipped
Topping

99¢ ea.

10.75 oz.
Sara Lee
Pound Cakes **2 for \$5**

16 oz. • Whole or Sliced
Dixiana
Strawberries **2 for \$5**

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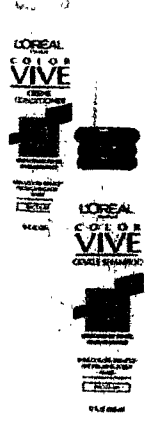


Navigator Toothbrush,
4.6 oz. 2-In-1,
6 oz. Sparkling White or
Colgate Total
Toothpaste

\$2.29 ea.

24 ct.
Listerine Pocket Paks
Mouth Freshener **\$1.19** ea.

10 ct. • Cold & Sinus or
40-50 ct. Gelcaps, Caps or
Aleve Tablets **\$3.99** ea.



Selected Varieties
Conditioner or
L'Oréal Vive
Shampoo

2 for \$5

Selected Colors • Fera, Excellence,
Casting or Preference
L'Oréal Haircolor **\$6.99** ea.

325 ml. • Selected Varieties
Vaseline Intensive
Care Lotion **2 for \$5**

real pharmacy deals

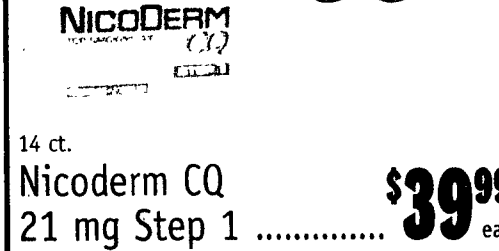
NICORETTE GUM STARTER KIT

Isn't it time you got started?



108 ct. 2 mg
Original, Orange or Mint

Nicorette
Starter Kit
\$39.99 ea.



14 ct.
Nicoderm CQ
21 mg Step 1 **\$39.99** ea.

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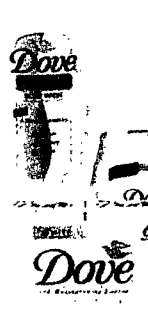


32-40 ct. Tampax or
28-36 ct.
Always Maxipads

\$4.89 ea.

6 pack 8 oz. cans
Ensure Plus
Nutritional Drinks **\$7.99** ea.

2.12 oz.
All Varieties
Carb Solution Bars **1 FREE**



12 oz. Nutrium Body Wash,
18 oz. Body Wash, 30 ct.
Facial Cloths or 6-Bar
Dove Bath Soap

\$4.99 ea.

Selected Varieties
Sally Hansen
Nail Products **\$1.00 off**

4 ct. Refill Blades or
Gillette Mach 3 Razor **\$5.99** ea.

Blue Willow

Coupon #191 Valid March 13-19, 2002

SAVE \$2
Toward your purchase of a
Blue Willow
3-Pc. Setting
\$2.99 with this coupon
without coupon \$4.99

Coupon #186 Valid March 13-19, 2002

SAVE \$2
Toward your purchase of a
Blue Willow
Butter Dish w/Cover
\$1.49 with this coupon
without coupon \$3.49

Coupon #187 Valid March 13-19, 2002

SAVE \$2
Toward your purchase of a
Blue Willow
Divided Serving Dish
\$1.49 with this coupon
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Fresh
Farm Raised
Catfish
Fillets

\$3.99
lb.

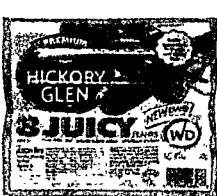
14 oz.
Capt'n Buc's
Claw Crabmeat

2 for \$10

32 oz. • 51-60 ct. Frozen
Winn-Dixie Fisherman's Wharf
E-Z Peel Shrimp **\$9.98** ea.

16 oz. • Frozen
Schooner
Perch Fillets **\$2.99** ea.

real frozen meat deals



12 oz. (excluding beef)
Hickory Glen
Meat Franks

99¢ ea.

16 oz. \$2.99 ea.

Foster Farms
Corn Dogs

**BUY ONE
GET 1
FREE**

real meat deals



W-D Brand U.S. Choice Beef
Boneless Chuck Roast

\$1.99
lb.

2.5 lb. bags • Individually
Quick Frozen Skinless
Boneless Chicken Breast
or Breast Tenders

\$5.99
ea.

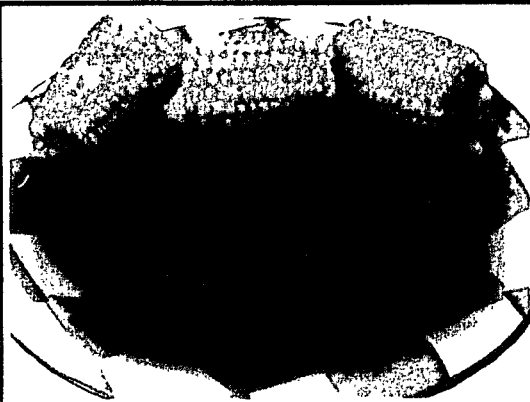
Ground Several Times Daily!
93% Lean Ground Beef .. **\$2.19** lb.

W-D Brand U.S. Choice Beef • Family Pack
Boneless
Chuck Steak **\$2.39** lb.



16 oz. • Hot or Mild
Owens
Breakfast Roll
Sausage
(regular price \$3.59)

28 oz. • Hot, Polish or Regular
Madison Smoked
Sausage **2 for \$5**



W-D Select Lean Fresh • Family Pack
Country Style Pork Ribs

\$1.59
lb.

pork
The Other
White Meat.



W-D Brand U.S. Choice
Corned Beef
Brisket

\$1.99
lb.

W-D Brand U.S. Choice Beef Boneless
Chuck Short Ribs **\$2.49** lb.

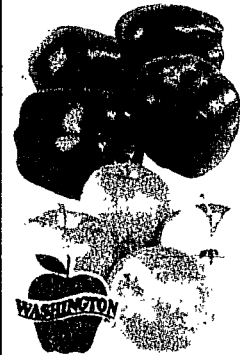
16 oz. Extra Beefy Stew, Pork Roast & Gravy,
Beef Swiss Steak or Turkey & Gravy
Burnett's Fully
Cooked Entrées **\$4.99** ea.



17 oz. • Mini Pepperoni
or Combination
Mama Rosa's
Pizza
(regular price \$2.99)

10 oz. • Smoked Turkey, Oven
Roasted Turkey, Smoked or Honey Ham
Oscar Mayer
Sliced Lunchmeats **2 for \$5**

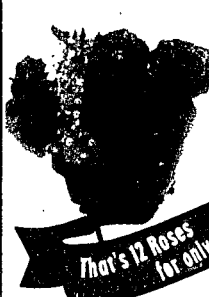
a bunch of real deals



Washington State
Red Delicious or
Braeburn
Apples

99¢ lb.

real floral deals



1/2 Dozen
Rose Bouquet

PRICE FOR
ONE \$6.99

**BUY ONE
GET 1
FREE**

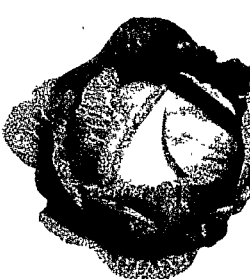
Shamrock Plants **\$3.99** ea.

Riverdance Bouquet **\$4.99** ea.



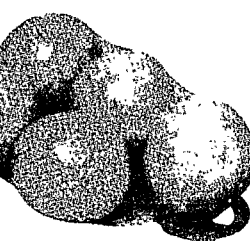
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real produce deals



Green
Cabbage

29¢ lb.



5 lb. bag • Texas
Rio Star
Grapefruit

\$2.99 ea.

Anjou Pears **89¢** lb.

6 oz. • Raspberries or
Blackberries **2 for \$5**

Mangos **2 for \$3**

8 oz. • Whole
Mushrooms **2 for \$3**



5 lb. bag
Russet
Potatoes

\$1.99 ea.



10 oz. bag
Winn-Dixie
Spinach

\$1.69 ea.

Broccoli **2 for \$3**

Red Peppers **99¢** ea.

NEW CROP! 3 lb. bag
Yellow Onions **\$1.49** ea.

Salad Tomatoes **\$1.29** lb.

real meal deals



Corned Beef,
Pastrami or
Roast Beef

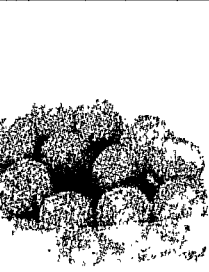
\$3.99 lb.

16 oz. • Seeded or Unseeded
Rye Bread **99¢** ea.

Domestic
Swiss Cheese **\$4.99** lb.

8 inch
Apple Pie **2 for \$5**

real deli/bakery deals



12 oz. pkg. • Powdered,
Cinnamon or Sour Crème
Donut Holes

\$1.99 ea.

Pre-Sliced Yellow or White
American Cheese **\$2.99** lb.

Cheddar Cheese **\$2.99** lb.

loaf
Italian Bread **99¢** ea.

2 each: Breasts, Wings,
Thighs & Drumsticks
8-Piece Fried Chicken **\$4.99** ea.

Single Layer
Dessert Cake **\$4.99** ea.

Double Layer
Dessert Cake **\$7.99** ea.



CHOOSE YOUR ENTREE
• 8-Piece Fried Chicken or
• 1 Rotisserie Chicken

CHOOSE TWO SIDES
• Macaroni & Cheese
• Potato Salad
• Cole Slaw • Macaroni Salad

PLUS
4-Pack King's Hawaiian Dinner Rolls

\$7.99 ea.